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CFRB lays off 12 people, restructures

RATINGS Radio station CFRB gave pink slips to 12 employees Thursday in what's being called part of a restructuring move.

Sherry O'Neil, general manager of the Toronto cluster of Astral Radio, says they are "evolving the product on the air" to boost ratings.

Among those let go are on-air personalities, including Paul and Carol Mott, Michael Coren and Jacqui Delaney, news staffers, including newscaster Kris McCusker, and producers.

O'Neil says the station, which bills itself as Newstalk 1010, will retain the news and talk format and add some new personalities. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Dylan Vogel, 11, and his sister, Deidre, 8, ride the Ring of Fire Thursday at the Canadian National Exhibition. The Ex is in full swing, with some of Friday's highlights including Movie Magic: Aerial Acrobatics and Ice Skating Show with Elvis Stojko (Ricoh Coliseum, 2 and 7 p.m.), and the Nighttime Light Show (Direct Energy Centre, 8:45 p.m. and 10 p.m.) More coverage, page 4.

Turning the page

Facebook given one year to make privacy changes

The federal privacy commissioner has agreed to give Facebook one year to make the "complex" technical changes required to protect user privacy on its popular social networking site.

But a significant part of the deal hammered out between the office of commissioner Jennifer Stoddart and Facebook Inc. is less a technical challenge than a behavioural one.

"All of these users will have a far clearer picture of how their personal information is being shared once Facebook implements our recommendations," said Stoddart in Ottawa.

"They will also have far more control over what they are sharing and with whom."

While the changes are being enforced under Canada's privacy law, Stoddart noted "Facebook has said to us this is a global change," to its operations.

That means the Canadian ruling will improve the privacy of some 200 million-plus Facebook users. The commissioner noted the investigation "has clearly touched a chord worldwide." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Popular pastime

- There are nearly 12 million Facebook users in Canada, which places this country among the world leaders in per-capita usage.

U.S. kidnap victim found after 18 years

A woman who was snatched from a bus stop as an 11-year-old child in 1991 turned up Thursday after being held for the past 18 years in isolation in a backyard compound by a convicted sex offender who fathered two children with her, police said.

The details about her time in captivity emerged after Jaycee Lee Dugard surfaced at a police station in Northern California, nearly two decades after she vanished outside her home.

Police said Phillip Garrido, 58, held her the entire time as a virtual slave, sheltered from the outside world in tents, sheds and outbuildings in his backyard in suburban Antioch.

"None of the children have ever been to school, they've never been to a doctor," El Dorado County Undersheriff Fred Kollar said. "They were kept in complete isolation in this compound, if you will."

Prison officials said Garrido later admitted the kidnapping after meeting with his parole officer. He brought Dugard and the two children, ages 11 and 15, to the meeting. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Arrest

- Phillip Garrido and his wife, Nancy Garrido, 54, were arrested for investigation of kidnapping and conspiracy Wednesday, police said. Phillip Garrido is also being held for investigation of rape by force, lewd and lascivious acts with a minor and sexual penetration, police said.

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Teen facing attempted murder charges
A 15-year-old faces attempted murder and firearms charges in connection with a Tuesday shooting in Downsview. One victim, 18, was shot in the leg and taken to hospital but has since recovered. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES

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Hospitals reach settlement

A judge has approved a $1.2-million settlement in a class-action lawsuit brought on behalf of hundreds of men who were given a prostate biopsy with allegedly improperly sterilized equipment by Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre. No one, with one possible exception, has been infected as a result of the tests, the judge said. Under the settlement, each patient will receive at least $943.85, depending on how many make claims. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Heaven sent or distraction?

Catholic schools leaning towards removing kilts from attire

Are school kilts really in line with Catholic beliefs?

That's the question being asked at Catholic schools across Greater Toronto, where kilts have been lifted so high some schools have dropped them all together.

"It's not in keeping with what is represented by (the) Catholic school in terms of modesty and morality," said Bruce Campbell of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, where just six of 25 high schools still allow the skirts to be worn.

"It's not in keeping with what is represented by (the) Catholic school."
Bruce Campbell

That board began phasing them out several years ago after some girls refused to obey the rules to keep hemlines near their knees, and as principals and teachers balked at being fashion police.

"We're in the business of educating kids and shouldn't have to spend a disproportionate of time enforcing this part of the uniform," Campbell added.

The trend has also reached the Halton Catholic District School Board, where two out of eight high schools have already moved to remove kilts from the school uniform. Two other schools are in the process of getting rid of them, after surveys were sent to parents and votes taken by school councils.

The skirts made the news again this week after the mother of a student at Mississauga's Philip Pocock Catholic Secondary School asked Dufferin-Peel trustees to overturn a decision by the school's principal to kill the kilt this September.

Of the 1,300 students at Pocock, families of just three called to complain they weren't properly informed, the school said.

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McCarthy Uniforms employee Marta Martins shows an old school kilt from Peel region. Kilts have recently been banned by a number of schools around the GTA.

News in brief

SEX ASSAULT A 64-year-old man was charged with sexual assault before the Ontario Justice in Newmarket yesterday. Investigators with the York Regional Police Sexual Assault Unit arrested the suspect after he was said to have inappropriately touched a female victim at the Shoppes, a bargain outlet, at Steeles Avenue and Don Mills Road. George Pavlovich, 64, of Toronto is charged with sexual assault.
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Buddhist temple re-opens after arson

DAMAGE The arsonists crept up to the Buddhist temple in Scarborough around 4 a.m., doused a side door in flammable liquid, then set the immense wooden structure alight.

They ran around back and tried to torch the part of the temple that housed the library. But they inadvertently triggered a motion sensor alarm, dropped bottles of flammable liquid, and fled into the dark as a monk awoke and called police.

$65K
The Toronto Mahari Vihara Buddhist Meditation Centre spent $65,000 on the damage-induced renovations of the past three months.

That was in mid-May, during the height of both Sri Lanka's civil war and the local Tamil population's protests. More than three months, $65,000 and multiple Sunday school and sermon cancellations later, the Toronto Mahari Vihara Buddhist Meditation Centre has finally reopened for local Sinhalese Buddhists.
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City waiting on stimulus approval

INFRASTRUCTURE From filling potholes on Ontario's most reviled road to saving Toronto from a potential gush of escaped sewage down the Don River, federal funding may make the difference over the next couple of years.

Rebuilding the cracked Coxwell trunk sewer and repaving bumpy sections of Steeles Avenue are among more than 500 projects technically eligible for federal infrastructure stimulus funding, according to a list distributed to city councillors. Projects on the 12-page list are worth $620 million, with Ottawa contributing one-third of their cost and the city putting in the rest. The city is now awaiting a final decision on which projects Ottawa will actually fund. The province had earlier announced it would provide $416 million to buy new streetcars for Toronto. But when the city made the streetcars its sole request from the infrastructure fund, the federal government balked. The vehicles are years away from being built — violating Ottawa's stipulation that funded projects provide an immediate economic stimulus.

After a standoff, Toronto was told it could submit a list of alternative projects even though the deadline had passed.
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List
- Officials from both sides have since been working on refining the project list.

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Elderly pedestrian hit by truck

An 85-year-old man suffered life-threatening injuries when he was hit by a pick-up truck on a Lawrence Avenue crosswalk. The man was taken to a trauma centre in critical condition. Police said the motorist remained at the scene to help the victim. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Dog-eat-dog spat over canine menu

Police called on retiree who distributed fake Dog Liver Café menu in High Park

Even though they did not sample Mel Glickman's fictional Poodle with Noodle or Moo Goo Guy Pootch, High Park area residents found his menu for Authentic Asian Canine Cuisine so tasteless that they called the police on him earlier this week.

On Wednesday, menus for the Dog Liver Café, owned and operated by Top Dog Chef Hy Park (also fictional), were left on cars parked near the leash-free area at High Park, a shady, sandy retreat full of dog walkers, owners and slobbery canines.

The dog lovers took such offence that the police received "numerous" calls.

"It's awful," said Marilitta Lee, who walks dogs for 38 owners.

"Every summer there seems to be an incident here. This year we thought we had survived the summer without any incidents, until now."

Last summer dogs were poisoned with antifreeze in High Park, two of them fatally, leaving dog walkers worried about the safety of their charges.

STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Marilitta Lee gives her friend a kiss as dog walkers reacted yesterday to retiree, inset, Max Glickman's Dog Liver Café menus, which featured dishes made from dogs which he distributed to High Park pet walkers, who were outraged at the perceived threat.

Glickman, a 68-year-old retired architect with a penchant for word play and a distaste for Tamil protesters and CUPE, says he meant the menu as nothing but a joke — albeit on Toronto

He is proud of the 50 fake items available at the non-existent Dog Liver Café, crafted with rhyme, alliteration and a slightly dark sense of humour.

"I call this an exercise in creative writing," he said at his home in Bloor West Village yesterday, where a dog calendar hangs on the kitchen cupboard.

"This is really a testing of the water, to see just how anal and uptight Torontonians really are," he said. "And I think I proved my point."

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How to win at the CNE's Mr. Frog

QUESTIONS Jason Phan, 17, may be one of the youngest carnies at the Canadian National Exhibition, but he's running one of its oldest games, Mr. Frog.

It sits in the same location every year, near the front gates, and still has a waterproof cash register that, operators say, has been there from the beginning.

The object is simple: whack a board hard enough, and it triggers a spring and projects a rubber frog.

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ROBBERY A police dog tracked down a man while a helicopter hovered above after a robbery in Pickering. Police say the suspect was bitten by a K-9 dog when he attacked an officer during arrest. Brandon Jauriola, 23, of Pickering is charged with robbery transportation fraud, assault with intent to resist arrest and breach of recognizance.

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Roundhouse set to roll out final renovations

LANDMARK In the romanticized heyday of Canadian rail travel, the Roundhouse in Toronto was the largest locomotive repair facility of its kind in this country.

The lands adjacent to the immense horseshoe-shaped building are now host to a different type of mechanical beast: heavy construction equipment, chewing up land into a more welcoming locale — replete with a miniature train to wow those leaving the nearby Rogers Centre.

Tenants

- The 1929 Roundhouse is home to the Steam Whistle Brewery and tastefully done Leon's furniture store.

These are the finishing touches of compromise, the preservation of a large heritage building enabled by collaboration between the city and cautious architects. It will be part retail space, part museum, and part tourist attraction, with multiple locomotives and train cars stationed throughout the adjoining park. The project — including the Toronto Railway Heritage Centre — will wrap up this fall.

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Man stabbed at Woodbine racetrack rushed to hospital

Police found a man, 45, suffering from stab wounds to the back and chest in a stable at the Woodbine racetrack just after 7 a.m. Thursday. He remains in serious but stable condition. Police have charged Ricardo Jackson, 27, of Toronto, with assault. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

$100,000 in lost trust fund cash found

Missing money was donated by the Star in 1998 for daughters of murder victim

It was supposed to be a head start in life for two young girls whose mother was murdered 11 years ago.

But the $100,000 donated by the Toronto Star to a trust fund in 1998 became mired in a bureaucratic maze to the point where the money appeared to be missing.

This week, the Star came to the rescue by tracking down the funds that had been earmarked for Aisha Barrett, 18, and her sister.

"Wow!" exclaimed the bewildered young woman when the Star informed her that the funds had been found Thursday morning. "That's such good news."

The girls's mother, Christine Ricketts, was strangled in a Don Mills apartment building March 5, 1998 while working as a door-to-door subscription salesperson for the Star. Following her death, the paper helped establish separate trust funds for the two young daughters, and donated $50,000 to each. The paper also encouraged members of the public to make donations and they responded with a total of about $9,000.

TONY BOCK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Aisha Barrett, 18, the daughter of a slain former Toronto Star employee, thought more than $100,000 was missing from a pair of trust funds the paper established for her and her little sister. It now appears that the money is safe and she can use some of it to go to university next year.

While the Star delivered the money to the Children's Aid Society Foundation in late 1998, when Barrett turned 18 this year, she found only $3,500 that had been held for her in an account created by the Ministry of the Attorney General, so she started a frantic search to locate the seemingly missing funds.

"I started calling around and trying to dig up old articles from the Star and other documents that could have led me to where the money could have been," she said. She also retained a lawyer, and made calls to the Ministry of the Attorney General and the Children's Aid Society.

But personnel changes and summer vacations at the agencies involved slowed the search down, and as the weeks dragged on it seemed as if she was getting nowhere.

After more than eight weeks of searching, those frustrations were finally relieved Thursday morning when the Children's Aid Society Foundation told the Star they had located the missing money, which was still in the agency's possession. Also located was an identical fund for her 13-year-old sister, Natasha.

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News in brief

EDUCATION Another group of students allege their college has left them unqualified in their field and on the hook for enormous debt. Two former students, who took the International Business Management program at Toronto's George Brown College, claim it didn't have the ability to confer three important industry designations it had promised. Katrina Ramdath and Zsolt Kovessy, another student, launched a lawsuit against the college last year and are seeking $10 million in damages.

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Toronto roads top list for worst Ontario conditions

PAVEMENT It doesn't look like a makeover of rutted Steeles Avenue will happen before the street once again tops the Canadian Automobile Association's list of Ontario's worst roads.

Only two weeks into the CAA's annual worst-roads poll, Steeles is leading the top 20, a dubious distinction it has earned three times in the past six years.

CAA officials say this is the first time so many Toronto roads have been in the top 20.

A $15 million resurfacing of Steeles is among the projects in line for federal infrastructure funding.

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- Lawrence Ave.

The city wants to spend $9 million on Victoria Park and $1.7 million on Lawrence Avenue. It has already begun addressing the jog on Dufferin Avenue.

Potholes and patches on Steeles have been a long-standing problem because the road divides York Region and Toronto, and the city has balked at repairing a road also heavily travelled by York commuters.

The poll has drawn a higher than normal number of voters this year — about 5,000 people in the first two weeks of a campaign that ends in September, about the same as last year's total vote.

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DEREK PUDDICOMBE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty speaks at the recent annual conference of the Association of Ontario Municipalities in Ottawa. McGuinty is acknowledging he has a tough sales job ahead after his pitch for a harmonized sales tax was met with stony silence by the province's municipal leaders.

Tax rebate 'bribes' worry Liberal MPPs

Liberal MPPs worry rebate cheques of up to $1,000, which Premier Dalton McGuinty assures them will cushion the blow of the new 13 per cent harmonized sales tax, are already being seen as "bribes" by skeptical voters.

Sources told the Toronto Star the proposed payouts sparked controversy behind closed doors at this week's Liberal caucus meeting on the melded tax taking effect next July 1.

MPPs have been surprised this summer by the antipathy toward the rebate scheme, which reminds voters of the $200 "taxpayer dividend cheques" mailed by former Progressive Conservative finance minister Ernie Eves in 2000.

"As soon as we say you're going to get a cheque, the reaction we're all getting is people are pissed," said one Liberal MPP. "They say Ernie Eves tried it and it inflames them even more."

Another Liberal agreed. "Voters are not stupid. People will figure out that we're bribing them with their own money."

Starting next June, the government will send up to $1,000 to families with a combined income of less than $160,000 to lessen the impact of the blended levy in its first year. (Single people earning up to $80,000 will receive $300.)

Concern over the rebates was among a litany of complaints from MPPs during an anxious, almost three-hour session behind closed doors at a Liberal caucus meeting Wednesday to help them learn to sell the HST.

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Police look for subway sex assault victim

Police are searching for witnesses — and the victim — of a sexual assault on a young boy at the Warden subway station after a witness reported the incident to police on Aug. 22, around 2:40 p.m. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Buskerfest **Quick, it's hot**

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Audience volunteer Donna helps extinguish flames on Hamilton street performer Trulee Odd at the 10th annual Scotiabank BuskerFest. The event, which runs until Sunday at St. Lawrence Market, benefits Epilepsy Toronto.

Left out in the cold

Naturist park's closing leaves nudists with limited options

By this time next month, about 150 nudists will be cast out of the province's oldest naturist retreat because their 100 acres of Eden is being sold to a private owner.

The several dozen nudists who live within Glen Echo's grounds on campsites got their eviction notices on Tuesday.

"We have to be out by Oct. 1," said Keith Scott, a member since 1995.

"We're all very disappointed. You suddenly lose your second home, our home away from home."

The nudist movement in Ontario had its genesis with Glen Echo Park, which was founded in 1955 as a co-operative. Most in the community got their first taste of naturism at the site, which is nestled along the Oak Ridges Moraine in King Township. In its mid-1990s heyday, as many as 350 families were members.

But in recent years, interest in the movement has sagged across the world.

Glen Echo's owners, Mary and Edward Todorowsky, are approaching 80. Off and on Since 2005, they've been trying to sell to someone within the nudist community, who would keep their sanctuary open.

"So many people have grown up in Glen Echo. It's just really sad."
Stéphane Deschênes, owner of Bare Oaks

But after fours years of trying and several failed offers, the Todorowskys gave up. The property was sold for a rumoured $2 million.

Many members say they're worried about where to go next.

There are three other nudist resorts in and around the GTA — Four Seasons, Ponderosa and Bare Oaks, which is not far from Glen Echo.

"Losing a club is not good for naturism," said Stéphane Deschênes, who owns Bare Oaks. "It just means there's less space. So many people have grown up in Glen Echo. It's just really sad."

Hoping to attract a younger crowd, both resorts are moving away from the old "roughing it with nature" mentality by installing plumbing, electricity hook-ups for trailers and satellite television.

"We just added WiFi," said Four Seasons manager Tom Landers. "I've been talking to the owner of Bare Oaks and both of us feel that this market is in its infancy."

The pair even discussed launching joint marketing to promote the naturist lifestyle, which Deschênes explains is about being at one with nature and not about being naked.

Reached at Glen Echo, it's apparent Edward Todorowsky isn't thrilled about losing the camp. He and his wife had hoped to live on the property under the new ownership.

"It's a private matter," he said. "I really have to go, we only have a short time to move."

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Carts off track in street food pilot

FOOD CARTS Owners of a food cart in the city's fledgling program to bring diverse tastes to the streets of Toronto have shut down indefinitely, blaming a bad location, high costs and red tape that prevents them from changing anything.

Blair and Kathy Bonivento sold Greek souvlaki in front of Nathan Phillips Square as part of Toronto a la Cart, a three-year pilot project. The couple opened the cart in May and kept it going for a little over a month.

Eventually they quit, saying that the location — at the west end of a long line of hot dog carts and chip trucks — simply wasn't viable and they weren't making enough money.

Some argued the city should simply set parameters and let vendors set up the businesses themselves.

"This is micro-management and this is bad business," said Marianne Moroney, who heads an association representing 100 of the city's hot dog vendors. "Good business ideas never come from the city."

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Tropical storm Danny heads for Atlantic Canada

The Canadian Hurricane Centre says Atlantic Canada can expect rainfall this weekend as tropical storm Danny continues its path northward. Days after Atlantic Canada shook itself dry from hurricane Bill, the centre says tropical storm Danny will deliver rain to the region. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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2 charged after paintball brawl

Two men face several charges following a brawl involving a paintball gun outside a home in Chatsworth, Ont., near Owen Sound. Police say it all began with an altercation Monday between a man walking along a back road and the driver of a passing truck. Two men — 25-year-old Michael Jones and his 23-year-old brother, Ken Jones — face charges of assault and uttering threats, among other charges. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Former NHL coach and current TV analyst Jacques Demers is being named to the Senate.

Ex-NHL coach overcomes illiteracy, becomes senator

POLITICS He hopes his life story — of the illiterate ex-hockey coach turned Conservative senator — can inspire others.

Jacques Demers, a Stanley Cup-winning coach who has spoken frankly about his lifelong struggle to read, is slated for a seat in the red chamber.

His current employer made the announcement Thursday. The RDS sports network, where Demers works as a hockey analyst, said he would be among the host of nominees to the Senate by Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

The news was greeted with cheers in the hockey world: "I think Jacques is a great politician," quipped Steve Yzerman, a superstar centre whom Demers named captain in 1986.

The backslapping, jovial old coach said he was contacted by Harper's entourage on July 13 and asked if he'd be interested.

Demers said his story could serve as a lesson to others.

"I've worked so hard these last four years to improve my reading and writing. All of a sudden, they name me senator. It's just incredible," Demers, 65, was quoted saying on the RDS site.

"I always worked hard in my life ... I was able to demonstrate that, despite a limited education, you can accomplish good things.

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News in brief

LAWSUIT The Supreme Court of Canada has cleared the way for a Mountie to sue the police force and two of his superiors for harassment that he links to his political ambitions. The court has refused to hear a government appeal which sought to dismiss Peter Merrifield's suit. He says he was demoted from a plum job to a backwater and harassed by his superiors after he sought a Conservative nomination in 2005.

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Senate selections slammed

PM called hypocrite for appointing allies to upper chamber

Stephen Harper once called the Senate a "dumping ground" for political cronies. Now he's being blasted as a hypocrite for appointing some of his closest Tory friends to the upper chamber Thursday.

The prime minister vowed in opposition to overhaul the Senate, saying he would never reward unelected supporters with what cynics call "a taskless thanks."

So much for that.

His latest round of nine Senate picks includes Doug Finley, his campaign chairman and husband of Human Resources Minister Diane Finley. Carolyn Stewart Olsen, Harper's longtime press secretary, also made the cut, along with Conservative party president Don Plett.

Harper deflected questions Thursday about the cronyism. He would only say that he will appoint people willing to support his minority government and its ongoing attempts at Senate reform.

Harper delayed filling vacancies from 2006 until last December as every province and territory was given time to draft laws allowing Senate elections. Only Alberta has actually elected a senator, Bert Brown.

The Liberals blasted the new appointments as "Harpocrisy" and fired out a list of Harper quotes dating back more than a decade.

"Despite the fine work of many individual senators, the Upper House remains a dumping ground for the favoured cronies of the prime minister," Harper's leadership website said on Jan. 15, 2004.

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper watches Laval University Rouge et Or football players practise before an announcement Thursday at Laval University in Quebec City.

"(The prime minister is) following the manual that was written by the Liberal party — which is to appoint your political friends."
Jack Layton, NDP

NDP Leader Jack Layton called the appointments a "shameless" replication of Liberal-style patronage.

"He's doing it completely contrary to what he told the Canadian people he would do. He's following the manual that was written by the Liberal party — which is to appoint your political friends."

Even with the appointments, Liberals still outnumber Tories in the Senate 53-46.

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Overview of new senators

- Carolyn Stewart Olsen (New Brunswick) — Harper's communications director. Former nurse.
- Doug Finley (Ontario) — Conservative party's national campaign director in the 2006 and 2008 federal elections. Former corporate and party executive.
- Don Plett (Manitoba) — Conservative party president. Minor sports coach and community organizer.
- Jacques Demers (Quebec) — A former head coach of the Montreal Canadiens. TV sports broadcaster. Worked on behalf of literacy after publicly acknowledging he'd been illiterate for much of his life.
- Linda Frum Sokolowski (Ontario) — Journalist and author. Former feature columnist for the National Post and past contributing editor to Maclean's magazine. Strong supporter of Jewish causes. Daughter of the late journalist Barbara Frum.
- Claude Carignan (Quebec) — Mayor of Saint-Eustache, Que. Failed Conservative candidate in 2008 federal election. Lawyer.
- Kelvin Ogilvie (Nova Scotia) — Past president of Acadia University in Wolfville, N.S. International expert in biotechnology, bio-organic chemistry and genetic engineering.
- Dennis Patterson (Nunavut) — A former premier of the Northwest Territories. Lawyer. Led a more than 20-year campaign culminating in the establishment of Nunavut as a territory in 1999.
- Judith Seidman (Quebec) — Conservative party executive. Harper's leadership campaign co-chair for Quebec in 2003. Educator, researcher and adviser in health and social services.

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Nova Scotia sets up a special court for cases involving the mentally ill

Nova Scotia is setting up a special court that will divert some of the province's mentally ill away from the criminal justice system and into treatment programs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Manitoba premier resigns

Longest-serving provincial leader Doer changed province

Canada's longest serving current premier is calling it quits.

After a decade in the top office, Manitoba NDP Premier Gary Doer surprised the province Thursday by announcing he's stepping down.

The so-called "Teflon premier," who has always walked a careful line between cutting small business taxes and bolstering social programs, wouldn't say when exactly he will leave and what he'll do next.

"You're going to ask me the exact date of when I'm leaving, and I'm going to do that in consultation with the party," said Doer, looking relaxed and upbeat with his wife Ginny at his side.

"You're going to ask me who do you think is going to replace me, and I'm not going to answer that question. And you're going to ask me what am I going to do next. Well, I'm not going to watch soaps.

Doer, 62, was first elected in 1986 and joined the NDP cabinet.

Federal NDP Leader Jack Layton called Doer's departure "a shock", but said the premier is "respected all across the country."

Paul Thomas, political studies professor at the University of Manitoba, said Doer managed to change the image of the NDP in Manitoba from a "tax-and-spend party" to one that lowered business taxes and balanced the books. Manitoba's budget has been balanced for 10 years in a row.

His shrewd nature and knack for negotiation made it possible for him to work with people of all political stripes, including Conservative Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Thomas said.

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Manitoba Premier Gary Doer gestures during a news conference with his wife Ginny at the Manitoba legislature in Winnipeg, on Thursday. After a decade in the top office, Doer surprised the province Thursday by announcing he's stepping down.

Gary Doer bio

- Born: March 31, 1948, in Winnipeg.
- Private career: Guard and deputy superintendent at Manitoba Youth Centre, president of the Manitoba Government Employees Association.
- Political career: First elected to Manitoba legislature and appointed minister of urban affairs 1986. Re-elected in 1988 and chosen leader of the NDP Opposition. Re-elected in 1990, 1995, and 1999, when he became premier. Re-elected in 2003, 2007.
- Family: Married to Virginia Devine with two daughters: Emily Rose and Kate.
- Quote: "Being premier is the pinnacle of public service and you never say never but my plans are to move on."

Autistic man stuck in Kenya for 3 years

STRANDED A young, autistic Canadian man who has been stranded in Kenya for three years may soon be headed home.

But Passport Canada has told the man's mother that inconsistencies remain about the identity of Abdihakim Mohammed.

It means Mohammed will only be issued an emergency travel document rather than a true passport.

Lawyer Jean Lash, who is representing Mohammed's mother Anab Issa, says the case has been frustrating, especially since friends and family of Mohammed have given Passport Canada no less than six affidavits attesting to his identity.

"They say that there are still discrepancies, but they won't tell me or can't tell me what these discrepancies are," said Lash.

Mohammed, an autistic 25-year-old Somali-Canadian, was taken to Somalia five years ago when doctors recommended he be near extended family.

But when Issa tried to bring him back to Canada through Kenya three years ago, she was told her son didn't look like his passport photo. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Coming home?

- It could also be a month or more before Mohammed returns to Canada, because his low-income mother insists on going to Kenya to retrieve him and is raising the money needed for the flights on her own.

News in brief

LANGUAGE LAWS The Supreme Court of Canada will hear an appeal in a case involving court costs for a constitutional challenge against a unilingual Alberta traffic ticket. The court says it will hear the province's appeal of two lower-court rulings that awarded costs to Gilles Caron to help him fight the ticket, which he said was illegal because it was not in French.

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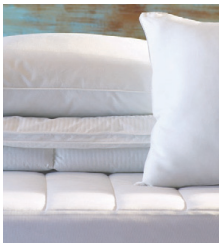

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Alberta to chop education funding by $80 million

The Alberta government is slashing this year's education budget by $80 million as the province grapples with a record $7 billion budget deficit. Education Minister Dave Hancock outlined details of the cost-cutting measures in a conference call Thursday with the province's 62 school boards. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Liberals in no rush to force election?

Senior Liberals are signalling they're unlikely to use their first opportunity, in early October, to pull the plug on Stephen Harper's minority government.

And while they may well try to force an election later in the fall, the Liberals' national campaign co-chairman says it won't be over the issue of employment insurance reform.

"We're not having an election on EI. I don't hear Canadians clamouring for an election on this issue."
Liberal Senator David Smith

"We're not having an election on EI," said Senator David Smith. "I don't hear Canadians clamouring for an election on this issue."

Conflict between Liberals and Conservatives has been escalating all summer as a bipartisan panel squabbles over potential reforms to the EI program.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff agreed to strike the panel last June as part of an eleventh-hour deal to avert a summer election.

At the time, Harper also agreed to ensure the Liberals get an opposition day in the House of Commons shortly after the EI panel reports and the government issues its third quarterly economic progress report during the week of Sept. 28.

That opposition day, on which the Liberals could move a motion of non-confidence in the government, will be sometime from Oct. 1-7.

Smith suggested Liberals are in no rush to topple the government at the first opportunity.

"I don't think there's a presumption that every time there's an opportunity to have an election that you have to do it. We still want to see Parliament work," he said.

"You can't push the election button every time … I think that is irresponsible." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Seismic research gets court's OK

ENVIRONMENT An environmental group has lost its bid to stop seismic testing by a U.S. research vessel in the waters off Vancouver Island.

A Federal Court judge rejected a bid for an emergency injunction.

Justice Michael Kelen accepted the opinion of an expert at the Fisheries Department who said the seismic blasts would not harm marine mammals such as whales and dolphins. THE CANADIAN PRESS

B.C. Lawsuit pending in hot air balloon crash

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Flames consume motor homes at the Hazelmere trailer park after a hot air balloon whose basket was engulfed in flames crashed into it shortly after takeoff in Surrey, B.C., in this Aug. 24, 2007 file photo. The owner-pilot of the hot-air balloon that caught fire and crashed in Surrey two years ago, killing two passengers, is suing the companies involved in making and maintaining it.

Feds add another $2.7 million to test vaccine to fight H1N1

Flu Outbreak

HEALTH The federal government is putting up an extra $2.7 million to test a vaccine meant to combat the next wave of H1N1 flu cases this fall.

Minister of Health Leona Aglukkaq said the funding is on top of $10.8 million the government poured into swine flu research this summer.

The cash will help fast-track the approval process for the vaccine, she told a media conference call Thursday.

Aglukkaq also said the government is organizing a major conference next week in Winnipeg for health-care professionals from across Canada on how to handle the expected surge in cases and protect themselves.

More than 80 scientists at 30 public health centres across the country are working on research related to countering the swine flu, which emerged last spring in Mexico.

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Federal Minister of Health Leona Aglukkaq

"What this means is that Canada will have an enhanced research network during the influenza pandemic," said Dr. David Butler-Jones, the federal government's chief public health officer.

"This network will, for example, be able to provide us with timely information on the mass immunization program expected this coming fall and winter. The funding announced today will help double the number of clinical trial sites from five to 10 so the vaccine can be tested on a wider variety of populations."

He said clinical trials for the H1N1 vaccine are still on track for early this fall and the new cash will be aimed at ensuring the safety and effectiveness of the immunization.

The vaccine is expected to be available in November, but it won't be produced in major quantities until January. THE CANADIAN PRESS

71 Federal health officials announced that four more deaths can be attributed to the swine flu virus, bringing to 71 the total number of related deaths across the country.

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Beauty pageant winner gives it all up

Thea Theobald competed against dozens of young women for the title of Miss Petite Canada and won, but then gave it all up saying it wasn't for her.

The five-foot-five-inch, Fort St. John, B.C., resident beat 150 delegates to take the title of Miss Petite Northern British Columbia earlier this year and then went on to win the three-day competition in Toronto.

But the day after her victory, Theobald, 19, handed the crown over to the pageant's first runner up, Ziba Salari.

"I still won, but it's not for me," she said about the competition that ended Sunday. "It was just because after going through the whole pageant process it's something that if I wouldn't have been given an opportunity, I don't think I'd pursue."

But she sure endured a lot for someone who didn't want the title.

Theobald took part in the bathing suit competition, an evening-wear event, performed in the pageant's opening number and the solo talent show.

On the second night of the competition she performed the merengue.

"I learned a lot about myself, and I learned a lot about meeting people and gaining that confidence," she said of the experience, adding one of the greatest benefits was improving her public speaking skills.

But Theobald said had she kept the title, this year would have been hectic.

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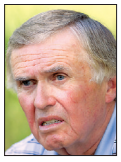
This is not a Son of Sam book: Thatcher

LAW Convicted wife killer Colin Thatcher says he doesn't think a new Saskatchewan law meant to stop criminals from keeping the money if they sell their crime stories applies to his new book.

The Saskatchewan government rushed through legislation in May that prohibits profiting from recounting crimes.



Colin Thatcher

The law was prompted by the public debate that erupted after word that Thatcher's book Final Appeal: Anatomy of a Frame would hit store shelves this fall.

Thatcher says his book is different because it doesn't talk about the 1983 murder of his ex-wife, JoAnn Wilson.

"The legislation pertains to the recounting and recollections of a crime and this book does not contain any recollections or recounting of a crime either directly or indirectly," Thatcher said in an interview.

"This is not a Son of Sam book, there is no recounting, there is no story of recollections of a crime."

In 1984, Thatcher, the son of a former Saskatchewan premier, was convicted of first-degree murder in Wilson's brutal death. She was bludgeoned and shot in the garage of her Regina home, just steps away from the Saskatchewan legislature. The former Saskatchewan cabinet minister spent 22 years behind bars.

The book re-examines witness testimony, talks about Thatcher's whereabouts when the murder took place and delves into the authenticity of a credit-card receipt that was found near the murder scene with Thatcher's signature on it.

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Deepak Razdan describes himself as a happy *Scotiabank StartRight*™ program customer. He met Pankaj Mehra, Director, India and South Asia Markets, in Delhi (India) at a Scotiabank seminar and stayed in touch with him through the process of moving to Canada.

"I opened my account with Scotiabank while still in India. I landed in Toronto, and asked my friend to drive me to the Scotiabank branch in Brampton. Within a few minutes my account was operational and I had my cheque book and credit card."

New program helps newcomers make a hassle-free start

Recently, Scotiabank conducted a series of seminars in a number of countries to help potential new immigrants get familiarized with banking, and if required, help them apply for a banking account and credit card with Scotiabank in Canada. "I'd heard how important it was to get a credit card to establish my credit history and also that some people find it difficult to get one – but I had no such problem thanks to the *Scotiabank StartRight Program*" says Deepak.

Deepak's wife Kavita was delighted to find that the program entitled them to a small safety deposit box, free for one year[1]. "Scotiabank lived up to our expectations and beyond," says Deepak, who now recommends the program to his friends – those who are in the process of immigrating as well as those who are already here.

Starting right with a little help from friends

Deepak, who was a senior editor at a medical transcription company in India, immigrated in January 2009. He and his wife Kavita, who ran a catering business, chose Canada for a better life and the options it offered their daughters for higher education.

Friends in Canada helped him feel at home from day one, dispelling concerns Kavita may have had about how her husband would fare in a new country. She stayed back in Delhi for their daughter Deepali to finish her grade 10 exam, and joined him six months later. "I missed her and my daughters terribly and looked forward to their arrival. Each night I'd cross another day on the calendar. Kavita knew I was with friends, she was confident on that count" recollects Deepak.

A friend was instrumental in Deepak landing a job within a month of arriving in Canada. "He needed someone to join him and I had a job" he marvels. "Another friend told me I had to get my driving licence and dropped me at the test centre. My friends have been a great support network" he acknowledges. It is with these good friends that Deepak is sharing his Scotiabank experience.

As the Razdans were settling down, they celebrated the Canada Day weekend at the most Canadian of attractions, the Niagara Falls.

An employee speaks of her experience as a newcomer

Harleen Mahindru was familiar with Scotiabank's Welcome to Canada mortgage even before she joined the bank. She moved to Canada from New Delhi, India, in 2003 with her parents and two younger brothers. "When my parents were ready to purchase a home, they went to Scotiabank," she says.

Harleen, who is now employed as a personal banking officer at Scotiabank's branch in Vaughan, points out the advantages of the Welcome to Canada mortgage program and other features that the bank offers new immigrants. "Newcomers who have saved for a down payment could find it relatively easier to secure a mortgage with Scotiabank" she elaborates.

After doing her BBA from University of Toronto and a Mutual Funds course, Harleen joined Scotiabank in January 2008. She has never felt that her ethnicity or gender were a barrier to success.

"Scotiabank rewards enterprise and hard work," says Rania Llewellyn, Vice-President, Multicultural Banking at Scotiabank. "Scotiabank is a great supporter of diversity in the workplace and the male-female ratio is almost evenly balanced. The opportunities I have got for career growth at Scotiabank are phenomenal."

As a relative newcomer to the country, Harleen knows what it can be like to start fresh. "When I first opened an account at another bank, they wouldn't give me a credit card until I had built up a credit history. But how does one build a credit history without credit? It was a vicious circle. I was able to get a credit card only after being able to show one year of part-time work at a grocery store" she recalls. "Now, under the *Scotiabank StartRight*™ program, new immigrants are eligible to apply for a credit card[2] and can start building a credit history right away." adds Harleen.

Scotiabank launches a new branch locator

A client brought his parents and siblings to Scotiabank. Sensing that they would be more comfortable speaking in their native language, Harleen spoke to them in Hindi.

"At Scotiabank, we realize the importance of building a workforce that truly reflects the communities we serve" says Rania Llewellyn, The bank embraces diversity in all its facets, and its culture is based on community and teamwork. "We participate in many programs that provide career opportunities to new immigrants", she adds.

Scotiabank branches have staff that speak in many different languages. "In fact, our website (www.scotiabank.com/branchlocator) features a branch locator option to allow customers to locate a branch with staff that speak the language of their choice" adds Rania.

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Owners of illegal ski cabin agree to pay fine

The owners of a cabin built at the Red Mountain base area in Trail, B.C., have agreed to pay the city a $10,000 fine rather than tear down the structure, which was erected without permits and contravenes zoning requirements. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Consumer confidence, home sales rise

Canadians are starting to believe that better times are just around the corner, and that's good news for the economy, analysts say.

The August consumer confidence survey from the Conference Board of Canada shows optimism returning to Canadian households, with the index rising for the sixth consecutive month to 88.4, the highest level since April 2008, when the economy was firing on all cylinders.

And in a separate report, the Canadian Real Estate Association reported that sales of existing houses rebounded so strongly during the spring and into July that the housing group was dramatically revising upwards its forecast for the year.

"The difference in the resale market now, compared to the beginning of the year, is night and day," said president Dale Ripplinger, in increasing CREA's projection for sales this year to 2008 levels, from a previously-thought 14.7 per cent decline.

1.5% The amount by which general home prices across Canada will rise this year, according to the Canadian Real Estate Association.

As well, the real estate body forecasts the general prices of homes across Canada will rise 1.5 per cent this year, a stark contrast to the situation south of the border, where prices and sales have collapsed.

Both indicators were below levels that existed in 2007 when the economy was booming and the horizon contained few warnings of forthcoming turbulence, but they do support the general view that the sharp economic slide of the winter and spring has stopped. They also coincide with the recent slowdown in job losses. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Transit denies autistic boy kicked off Halifax bus

HALIFAX The public transit authority in Halifax admits a driver could have done a better job dealing with a disruptive autistic boy on a city bus, but a spokeswoman for Metro Transit denied reports Thursday that the eight-year-old was kicked off the vehicle.

While the boy's father is demanding a public apology and better training for the region's bus drivers, Metro Transit said the incident is still under investigation.

David Croft said his son, Izaak, was one of about 15 autistic children taking part in a day camp field trip when the boy boarded a bus Wednesday in downtown Halifax.

Autism
• The Autism Society of Canada says the complex disorder affects at least one in every 200 Canadian children.

He said Izaak, who he described as classically autistic with no ability to speak, is sometimes overstimulated by loud noises, large groups of people and, in particular, certain smells.

"He doesn't have language, so when he's expressing frustration, it tends to come out as screams," Croft said in an interview. "(And) you wouldn't have much control over the smells you're encountering on a bus."

During the bus ride, Izaak started screaming and camp counsellors tried to calm him. But the driver told them Izaak's shouting was making it difficult for him to drive and ordered them off the bus, Croft said.

Metro Transit's Lori Patterson conceded the driver could have done things differently, but said the driver did not ask to have the boy removed, and it appeared Izaak and his counsellor left the bus voluntarily. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Deadly train crash in Turkey
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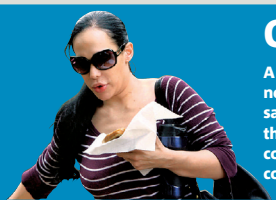

Octomom won't be investigated

A California appeals court has ruled that octuplets mom Nadya Suleman, left, will not face an investigation by Child Protective Services. Suleman's attorney Jeff Czech says the Fourth District Court of Appeal ruled Wednesday to halt the investigation that was ordered by an Orange County Superior Court probate judge. The appeals court also ruled earlier this month that Suleman would not have to have a court-appointed guardian to oversee her children's finances. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canada handing off to U.S.

Influx of American troops a 'pivotal moment' for Kandahar mission

Every day gunfire erupts on the other side of the barriers of the rugged Canadian base in the middle of Taliban country. All too often of late, insurgent rockets and mortars have breached the perimeter.

This is the heart of the insurgency in Afghanistan, and for three years Canadian troops have battled to hold this ground and keep their enemy from the gates of Kandahar city.

The fight is about to change drastically.

Everywhere on base, people are busy building — a new kitchen, thick concrete barriers, sleeping quarters. The base where soldiers have seen some of the fiercest action of this war is about to get a whole lot bigger.

The U.S. government's decision to refocus its military efforts from Iraq to the eight-year-old war in Afghanistan, and the ensuing influx of American troops, means the base in the volatile Zhari district will be the new home of the U.S. 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment.

"They're obviously a lot bigger than we are," said Maj. Tim Arsenault, the highest-ranked Canadian officer on the base and commander of the Royal 22nd Regiment's combat troops there. "Just to get them in here, we have to do some preliminary construction."

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Canadian troops from November Company of the 3rd Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment wait to be picked up by a Canadian CH-47D Chinook in Zhari in March.

2,800
Canadian soldiers deployed in Kandahar

5,000
Expected influx of U.S. troops into Kandahar

While some Canadian troops will remain on the base with the U.S. battalion, the combat contingent will be relocating to another Canadian base in Panjwaii, to the south.

The U.S troops, who will operate under Canada's Task Force Kandahar command, will significantly increase the combat capability in the two volatile districts where many of Canada's slain soldiers have given their lives.

The commander of Canadian troops in Kandahar calls the area west of Kandahar city the "heart of darkness" in the fight against the insurgency. Canadians have operated in the two districts since 2006, outnumbered by the Taliban.

"Generally speaking, in Zhari as a whole it's really, really obvious that being so big, and having such a small Canadian element working here, we can't be everywhere all at once," Arsenault said.

The Canadians will be handing off about the half the vast area they've been responsible for and concentrating their efforts on Kandahar city and key districts to the south and west.

"I think what we're about to see is the emergence of the war we've been wanting," said Brig.-Gen. Jonathan Vance, commander of Canadian troops.

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Madonna booed for anti-racism remarks

ROMANIA At first, fans politely applauded the Roma performers sharing a stage with Madonna. Then the pop star condemned widespread discrimination against Roma and the cheers gave way to jeers.

The sharp mood change that swept the crowd of 60,000, who had packed a Bucharest park for Wednesday's concert, underscores how prejudice against Roma remains deeply entrenched across Eastern Europe.

Sometimes, it can be deadly: In neighbouring Hungary, six Roma have been killed and several wounded in a recent series of apparently racially motivated attacks targeting villages settled by Roma, also know as Gypsies.

Romania has the largest number of Roma in the region. That explains why the Roma musicians and a dancer who had briefly joined Madonna onstage got enthusiastic applause. And it also may explain why some in the crowd turned on Madonna when she paused during the two-hour show — a stop on her worldwide Sticky and Sweet tour — to touch on their plight.

"It has been brought to my attention ... that there is a lot of discrimination against Romanies and Gypsies in general in Eastern Europe," she said. "It made me feel very sad."

Thousands booed and jeered her.

A few cheered when she added: "We don't believe in discrimination ... we believe in freedom and equal rights for everyone."

But she got more boos when she mentioned discrimination against homosexuals and others.

"I jeered her because it seemed false what she was telling us. What business does she have telling us these things?" said Ionut Dinu, 23. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bernanke victim of ID theft

U.S. An elaborate identity theft scheme has reached the highest levels of the U.S. financial system, striking the personal bank account of Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and his wife. According to a Washington, D.C. police report, Anna Bernanke's purse was stolen last August from her chair at a Starbucks. It contained her Social Security card, checkbook and IDs. From there, the Bernankes' checking account was swept up into a larger scheme first reported by Newsweek magazine Tuesday.

Court filings show defendant George L. Reid of Washington has confessed to depositing checks from the account. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

PAKISTAN A suicide bomber hit a Pakistani security checkpoint Thursday at the main border crossing for convoys ferrying NATO supplies into Afghanistan, killing at least 18 border guards, police said.

NEW JERSEY A Canadian man has pleaded not guilty to charges in New Jersey that he arranged trips to Thailand for adults who paid to have sex with children. John Wrenshall entered the plea Thursday in U.S. federal court in Newark.

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Obama's eulogy will honour Ted Kennedy
A White House official says President Barack Obama will deliver a eulogy at Senator Edward Kennedy's funeral Mass on Saturday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Left and right battle over Kennedy dream

As America's Kennedy family mourns their patriarch, Senator Edward Kennedy, a political battle is heating up over his life-long hope for health-care reform.

Kennedy's death has quickly become a rallying cry for President Barack Obama's sweeping health-care overhaul, something that's angering conservative commentators.

They've assailed House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's office for sending an e-mail to reporters early Wednesday — just a couple of hours after Kennedy's death — calling for the passage of health-care legislation.

"Senator Kennedy had a grand vision for America, and an unparalleled ability to effect change," the statement read. She wasn't the only Democrat to link Kennedy to the health-care reform battle.

"The left is exploiting his death."
Rush Limbaugh

Bill Clinton made a similar statement, as did Senator Russ Feingold and House Majority Whip James Clyburn.

Senator Robert Byrd wants any health-care bill that finally passes to be named after Kennedy.

Conservative pundits, however, have been scathing in their criticism.

Radio commentator Rush Limbaugh mocked Kennedy's nickname, the "Lion of the Senate," saying: "We were his prey."

He added: "The left is exploiting his death and his legacy and they are going to do it, as predicted, to push health care."

Fox News's Sean Hannity called it "unseemly" for Democrats to link Kennedy's death to health-care legislation, adding the senator's death "is not added reason to push for passage."

Nonetheless, some Democrats thought his passing was bad news for health-care reform.

Senator Claire McCaskill said a healthy Kennedy could have brought more Republicans to the table.

"He will be missed ... because of his ability to negotiate, compromise and work across the aisle," she said.

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Washington, D.C. How Warhol saw an icon

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People look at a silkscreen print by Andy Warhol of Sen. Edward Kennedy in the remembrance gallery of the National Portrait Gallery in Washington on Thursday. Kennedy died Tuesday at the age of 77 after a yearlong battle with brain cancer.

Library a centre of grief

MOURNING A library Edward Kennedy built as a tribute to one of his slain brothers was to be the focal point of mourning for the U.S. senator.

Ted Kennedy's body was to lie in repose at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston.

A military honour guard was to stand vigil around the clock.

Thousands were expected to file past the closed casket.

He's eligible

- Ted Kennedy is eligible for burial at Arlington because of his service in Congress as well as his two years in the army.
- He was a private first class and served in the military police at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe

On Saturday, a private funeral mass was to be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Basilica in Boston's Mission Hill neighbourhood.

A church official said former presidents Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton, George H. W. Bush and George W. Bush were expected to attend the mass.

Kennedy was to be buried Saturday evening near his slain brothers — John F. Kennedy and Robert — at the Arlington National Cemetery, in Virginia.

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Discovery to launch Friday?

NASA is now targeting late Friday night for its next attempt to launch space shuttle Discovery. It will be the space agency's third attempt to send Discovery to the international space station. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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War rooms veteran Myra Collyer walks past a WWII-era poster of then British prime minister Winston Churchill as she enters the bunker that used to house the Cabinet War rooms yesterday.

Underground war rooms revisited in London

BRITAIN It was the secret subterranean command centre where Britain's inspirational, cigar-chomping, wartime leader Winston Churchill plotted the downfall of Nazi Germany and sheltered from enemy air raids during the infamous Blitz on London.

But the labryinth-like network of underground bunkers in the shadow of Big Ben and Parliament reverberated Thursday with the sounds of clinking of tea cups and laughter as surviving staff — from intelligence officers to typists — gathered in the Cabinet War Rooms to recall life in the clandestine base ahead of the anniversary of the outbreak of World War II on Sept. 1, 1939.

"I don't know quite how we did it. The whole thing about working underground, it's very strange, really, because not only do you never see daylight but you also never have fresh air," said Joy Hunter, an 83-year-old former typist.

Hunter and the other veterans spent time remembering the clatter of typewriters and the drone of air raid sirens.

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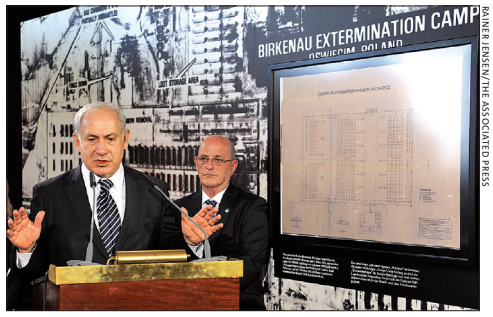
Churchill shunned shelter

- Winston Churchill, Britain's iconic prime minister, was rarely at ease underground and commonly climbed atop the Treasury building's roof to watch the German bombers' sorties, rather than take shelter in the bunker.



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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaks in front of an aerial view of the Nazi concentration camp Birkenau, while in Germany on Thursday.

Settlements still an issue

With memories of the Holocaust as their backdrop, the leaders of Israel and Germany spoke Thursday about the need to keep the Jewish state safe from threats like a nuclear-armed Iran.

Chancellor Angela Merkel also underlined her country's desire to see Israel stop building its controversial settlements, telling reporters after meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that "time on this is short."

Netanyahu's talks with Merkel in the German capital came a day after a rare sign of progress in bringing Israelis and Palestinians back to the negotiating table, with both sides indicating a first meeting between their leaders was likely to take place within weeks.

A meeting between Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, would be an important symbolic step toward resuming peace talks.

"I hope that in a time frame of a month or two we can relaunch negotiations," Netanyahu said Thursday. "Let's just get on with it."

But Netanyahu offered no indication that Israel would agree to a settlement freeze, the Palestinian condition for resuming the peace talks.

Some 300,000 Israelis now live in West Bank settlements, besides 180,000 Israelis living in Jewish neighbourhoods in east Jerusalem.

The Palestinians claim both areas.

The United States, a strong ally, has urged Israel to stop expanding the settlements.

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Boeing's 787 set for takeoff
Boeing says its long-delayed 787 aircraft will be ready for its first flight by the end of the year and its first delivery late next year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Death only answer?

Debt, drought drive Indian farmers to suicide

Dozens of impoverished farmers struggling with debt and poor rainfall are killing themselves in southern India.

They leave behind families plunged even further into poverty, activists and politicians say.

Many of the farmers kill themselves by swallowing a tool of their trade: insecticide.

Nearly every day, newspapers report more farmer suicides in Andhra Pradesh, a state of 80 million people where 70 per cent of the population depends on agriculture — and which has suffered badly this year from weak monsoon rains.

The tragic toll

- More than 17,500 farmers a year killed themselves between 2002 and 2006 in India's agricultural heartland, experts say..
- At least 160,000 farmers have committed suicide since 1997, the experts add.

Officially, the total number of suicides stands at 25 in the past six weeks.

But opposition parties and farmers' groups say the true total is more than 150.

"The government is trying to hide the facts," opposition leader N. Chandrababu Naidu said in a speech before the state assembly.

Farmer suicides have, over the past decade, become a grim ritual in Andhra Pradesh and other parts of the Indian agricultural heartland, where small farmers are increasingly in debt.

The sums can appear barely consequential to a Westerner, or even to India's increasingly large middle class: $300, $500, $1,200.

But for families often earning less than $2 a day, the loans, mostly made by small-town moneylenders, can be overwhelming.

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Ramadan **Orphans line up for food**

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Kashmiri Muslim orphans wait to break their fast during Ramadan at the Raahat Orphanage in Srinagar, India, on Thursday. Muslims throughout the world are marking the month of Ramadan, where observants fast from dawn till dusk.

Crowds weep for leader

MOURNING Thousands of Iranians prayed and wept Thursday during a memorial for Iraqi Shiite Muslim leader Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim.

It was the start of a two-day tour of mourning that will take his body through his country's Shiite heartland.

Usually, Islamic tradition requires the dead be buried swiftly, preferably within hours.

But in the case of al-Hakim — one of Iraq's top power brokers, who died Wednesday of lung cancer — there are certain political considerations.

"This is a big loss for the Iraqi nation ... and a painful one for Iran."
Ayatollah Khamenei

Iraq is holding parliament elections in January and there will be stiff competition over the Shiite vote.

In regional elections this year, al-Hakim's party, the Supreme Islamic Iraqi Council, did poorly in many parts of the south, so a massive show of support could boost the party.

After Thursday's ceremony in Tehran, al-Hakim's body was driven to the Shiite shrine city of Qom, south of the Iranian capital, for yet another memorial.

From there, he was expected to be flown to Baghdad to be taken to the holy city of Najaf.

"This is a big loss for the Iraqi nation and government and a painful one for Iran," said Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

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Taiwan's President Ma Ying-jeou angered China with his surprise announcement Thursday, that he has agreed to let the Dalai Lama visit and comfort survivors of a devastating typhoon.

China angered by Lama invite

Taiwan to host spiritual leader

China on Thursday denounced Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou's decision to allow the Dalai Lama to visit the self-ruled island, casting a shadow over rapidly improving relations between Taipei and Beijing.

However, Beijing appeared to stop short of deliberately undermining Ma's stature and jeopardizing the budding ties across the Taiwan Strait.

Ma's announcement — which followed an invitation to the Tibetan spiritual leader by officials from Taiwan's pro-independence opposition — surprised many. The China-friendly leader has made a priority of seeking better relations with the mainland and just last December nixed plans for a visit by the Dalai Lama in what was deemed an attempt to placate Beijing.

China has long vilified the Dalai Lama for what they say are his attempts to fight for independence in Tibet.

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Toyota to end venture with GM

BUSINESS Toyota Motor Corp. plans to end production in March 2010 at a California joint venture where it has built vehicles with General Motors, the company said Thursday.

Toyota's board voted early Thursday to end the company's production contract at the Fremont, Calif.-based New United Motor Manufacturing Inc..

California lawmakers have discussed with Toyota a package of financial incentives to keep the plant open — it employs 4,600 workers.

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Comment

Visa vigilance needed

High levels of fraud and misrepresentation prevalent

Martin Collacott

The federal government is quite rightly investigating the case of Suaad Hagi Mohamud and why the visa section of our high commission in Nairobi initially agreed with the local authorities that she was not the rightful bearer of the passport she used when attempting to leave Kenya in May.

For those who think this action may be symptomatic of a general disposition on the part of our high commission to be overly suspicious or indifferent towards our citizens who happen to come from the region, Canadians should be aware, however, of the very high levels of misrepresentation, including identity fraud, that this and other Canadian visa offices have to contend with on a daily basis.

This problem is by no means confined to posts in Africa, nor is it a recent phenomenon. In the 1950s, for example, it was discovered that a large proportion of immigrants who had recently arrived from Hong Kong had done so fraudulently. The problem was so massive that Ottawa decided it was not practical to try to send them all back and eventually regularized the status of the more than 11,000 people.

Suaad Hagi Mohamud

This problem, moreover, has not gone away. In 2002, the immigration office in Hong Kong reported that half of the 33,000 immigration cases awaiting processing involved misleading or fraudulent information. In the case of applications from China, our largest source of immigration, access to information requests in recent years have revealed, for example, that 57 per cent of student visa applications from Fujian Province in China were submitted with fraudulent documents while a sampling of business immigration applications from that country found that only 35 per cent were bona fide.

In the case of our second largest source country, India, although the rejection rate for applications at our largest visa office, Delhi, is only 19 per cent, in Chandigarh in the Punjab, most had to be turned down — a large percentage because of the high incidence of fraudulent documents or other forms of misrepresentation.

At some of our posts, such as those in the former Soviet Union for example, fraudulent applications have also frequently involved attempts by criminal elements to enter Canada.

At our office in Nairobi, which is the main overseas centre for the processing of applications by people from Somalia seeking settlement as refugees abroad, fraud, and particularly identity fraud, is a major problem. This takes a number of forms, including claims that children being brought into Canada are one's own offspring when, in fact, they are someone else's. In such cases, DNA testing often becomes necessary — which is both expensive and time consuming.

While Mohamud's case should be carefully examined to find out what went wrong and how it can be avoided in the future, Canadians should be under no illusions regarding the high levels of fraud that many of our visa offices have to deal with on a regular basis and the difficulty this poses in terms of making fair and timely decisions.

Martin Collacott is a former Canadian ambassador in Asia and the Middle East.

Views

City life offers many invigorating choices

UrbanCompass

Cottage life and camping out has it charms, but the magic of returning to the city is that city life is varied and complicated.

I've been thinking about this as summer comes to an end and the cottage season is closing, ruminating over what I miss most about the city, the experiences not offered on northern lakes.

In the city one runs into friends and acquaintances unexpectedly on the street or on transit. It's a random contact, and that makes it invigorating, reminding each of us that our lives have many sides and angles that we often forget about until these events occur. City life makes us more well-rounded than we could ever have expected from the simplicities of a cottage holiday.

And there's a joy to just standing on a busy street and watching people pass by with their styles, manners and poses. People really do care about how they look, and it's amazing how many ideas there are on the best way to present yourself. The north offers the profusion of the natural world, but in the city one's eyes are opened to the marvellous differences in human imagination, from some woman's careful coiffure, a teen's studied sloppiness, the suited uniform of some men, to the fashioned stylishness of a 30ish couple.

Think of the food the city offers and the variety of bursting flavours. The tanginess of Vietnamese vermicelli with Asian basil; a really good burrito; fresh sushi with a touch too much wasabi; a rich Indian curry with mango chutney; honeyed Korean meats; fresh pasta with a light sauce. It is only in cities that one's palate can be satisfied with this kind of variety.

There's a refreshment about spending a few weeks outside the city, but perhaps that's because of the reward at the end of it — getting back to the city's infinite variety. Sure, the end of holidays means a return to the hum-drum of working life with its deadlines and challenges, but the best part is it means a return to all the city has to offer.

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MICHAEL DE ADDER

Letters

Organization needed to fight overwhelming taxes

Re: Letter: Ontarians need to speak out about harmonized sales tax (Aug. 24)

I congratulate Deanna Wolff's letter. This is the first time, since I have been in Canada, that I have seen somebody write urging Canadians to rise against exaggerated taxes.

Our politicians at all levels of government, people we have elected to represent us, don't seem to care about our welfare. They are using various types of taxes to milk us dry.

Besides the deduction of income taxes, whatever you buy you pay other taxes again. As if this is not enough, new taxes are always being introduced. Just recently, there was news of a new additional tax on the purchase of tires.

I think it's time Ontarians and Canadians as a whole begin thinking of putting in place an organization to fight these overwhelming taxes.

BEN POKU, TORONTO

Electric trains much more efficient and cleaner

Re: Increasing diesel trains cited as health risk (Aug. 20)

Why build a highly polluting transit corridor with more than 464 diesel trains daily passing through neighbourhoods when electric trains are a much more efficient, clean and safe solution for the Georgetown GO expansion?

India, Britain and the United States are electrifying their rail corridors, and Canada should build an electric corridor from the outset to use infrastructure funds wisely and protect the health of those who live in the GTA.

Metrolinx plans on electrifying the Georgetown corridor in 15 years anyway, so it should build this corridor using the highest Environmental Protection standards as a matter of public interest. Our public funds should serve our public transit needs.

ELIZABETH LITTLEJOHN, TORONTO

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Mercator strikes financing deal

Mercator Minerals has struck a deal with underwriters led by Jennings Capital and Scotia Capital to raise up to $70 million in a bought deal financing. The Vancouver base metals miner said Thursday it has agreed to sell 26.9 million shares at $2.60 each. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Business in brief

MEDIA A 28 per cent jump in revenues and cost-cutting that started in late 2008 helped reduced Kangaroo Media Inc.'s second-quarter loss, according to a company news release issued Thursday. The company, which develops hand-held wireless audiovisual entertainment systems, said its second-quarter loss for the period ended June 30 narrowed to $354,000 or a penny a share. That's an improvement from a loss of $4.7 million or 13 cents a share in the same period last year. Kangaroo's revenues were $1.8 million, up from $1.4 million.

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Better than expected

TSX closes higher thanks to bank earnings

The Toronto stock market closed slightly higher Thursday, thanks in large part to strong earnings from three of the big Canadian banks.

The S&P/TSX composite index lost 104 points before rallying to close up 21.79 points to 10,933.96.

The financial sector ran up a solid 2.27 per cent after Royal Bank, National Bank and TD Bank all beat expectations.

"Key to the bank numbers is the fact that write-offs aren't as bad," said Irwin Michael, manager at ABC Funds, adding the banks are a good indicator in reflecting how the economy is performing.

"If the economy is getting better, thanks to a lot of the money that was thrown out into the marketplace by the monetary authorities, that helps the banks and if it helps the banks it helps the economy, which helps labour and everything else."

The loonie moved higher following two days of sharp declines that followed a warning from the Bank of Canada that it is prepared to intervene to stop the rise that could derail the economic recovery.

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Bank reports

1 Royal Bank: Third-quarter profit of $1.6 billion or $1.05 per share, up from $1.3 billion a year ago.

2 National Bank: Profits increased six per cent to $303 million or $1.78 a share during the third quarter.

3 TD Bank: Third-quarter net income of $912 million or $1.01 per share, down from year-earlier profits of $997 million or $1.21 per share.

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Union supports Lakeside's bid

STELCO The United Steelworkers union is backing a bid by junior Canadian steel company Lakeside Steel Inc. to bring Stelco's Ontario operations back to life in Hamilton and Nanticoke and put the company back in Canadian hands.

The union said it would ask the Federal Court to force U.S. Steel to sell the Canadian facilities, and to make Lakeside's promises binding as part of the final order. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Alegro Health changes its name

HEALTH Alegro Health, a provider of medical, surgical and rehabilitation and disability health services, says it has changed its name to Centric Health Corp. after receiving shareholder approval this week. The announcement comes a day after the private health-care services provider reported its second-quarter net profits doubled to $518,000.

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Price cut Xbox costs $100 less

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Microsoft Corp. on Thursday said it is slashing the price of the high-end version of its Xbox 360 console by $100 US, matching Sony's $100 price cut for the PlayStation 3 last week, and phasing out the mid-range Premium, or Pro, version, pictured.

1% GDP dip points to end of recession

ECONOMY The U.S. economy shrank at an annual rate of one per cent in the spring, a better-than-expected showing and more evidence the recession is drawing to a close.

Longest

- The recession that began in December 2007 is the longest since the Second World War, and the deepest in terms of the drop in the GDP, which is down 3.9 per cent from its previous peak.

Many analysts believe the economy is growing in the current quarter, but caution that any rebound will not be accompanied initially by rising employment.

The one per cent rate of decline in the April-June quarter followed decreases of 6.4 per cent in the first quarter and 5.4 per cent in the final three months of 2008, the sharpest back-to-back declines in a half-century.

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Zinc company reports loss

Silvermet Inc., a Toronto company that operates a zinc recovery plant in Turkey, lost $1.1 million US in the second quarter. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Court agrees to hear Kuwaiti asset case

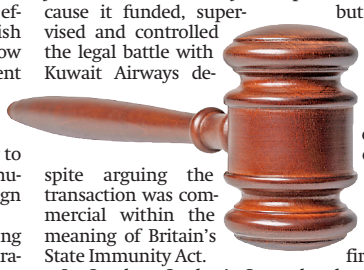
The Supreme Court of Canada agreed Thursday to hear a case involving Kuwait's efforts to seize Canadian assets including Bombardier aircraft ordered by Iraq.

The high court granted leave to appeal a Quebec Court of Appeal's ruling dismissing Kuwait Airways' efforts to recognize a British judgment that would allow it to seize Iraqi government assets in Canada, including two Quebec properties.

At issue is Iraq's ability to claim jurisdictional immunity involving a foreign judgment.

Kuwait has been trying since 1990 to extract reparations from Iraq over damages arising from the first Gulf war.

English courts ordered Iraqi Airways in 2005 to pay Kuwait Airways more than $1 billion in principal and interest. It then added the Iraqi government as a defendant for $84 million of costs, ruling it did not have jurisdictional immunity because it funded, supervised and controlled the legal battle with Kuwait Airways despite arguing the transaction was commercial within the meaning of Britain's State Immunity Act.



In October, Quebec's Superior Court dismissed the recognition of the foreign judgment and released the seizures of assets.

Bombardier subsequently shipped the first of 10 CRJ900 NextGen regional jets ordered by the Iraqi government in March 2008. The planes have a total list price of $398 million US, but would rise to $573 million US if options for 10 additional aircraft are exercised.

The deal is part of a multibillion-dollar order for 50 planes from the Canadian manufacturer and Boeing for 30 737s, the first of which are slated to be delivered in 2015. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mining firms consolidating in $319M deal

ONTARIO Lake Shore Gold Corp. and West Timmins Mining Inc. are merging into one company in a share swap deal that helps consolidate their mining operations in northeastern Ontario.

The companies said Thursday they have signed an agreement under which Toronto-based Lake Shore will buy Vancouver-based West Timmins in a transaction that values West Timmins at about $319 million.

The companies say the combination will create a new large-scale, wholly owned Timmins West Gold Mine complex on the western Timmins mining district of northern Ontario, bringing together assets and joint ventures held by the two companies.

Details

- Under terms of the agreement, West Timmins shareholders will receive 0.73 of a Lake Shore Gold share for each of their shares. After the deal closes, the combined company will be 67 per cent owned by Lake Shore Gold shareholders and 33 per cent by West Timmins shareholders.

Shares of both companies were halted on the TSX pending news of the merger.

After the deal closes, the Timmins West gold mine complex will consist of Lake Shore Gold's 100 per cent-owned Timmins Mine, with existing mine infrastructure, the Thunder Creek joint venture, where high-grade deposits have been found, and an extensive land package of exploration properties. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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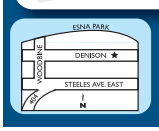

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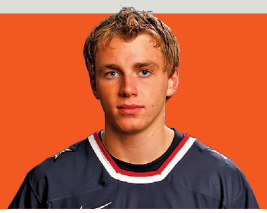

Kane, cousin plead guilty

Chicago Blackhawks forward Patrick Kane, left, and his cousin James Kane pleaded guilty Thursday to a non-criminal charge of disorderly conduct and were ordered to send an apology to the Buffalo cab driver they were accused of roughing up over 20 cents. The 20-year-old player and his 21-year-old cousin were given conditional discharges, meaning they will avoid any penalties if they stay out of trouble for a year. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Staal tales from camp

Trio of brothers in hunt to make Canada's Olympic hockey team

LAURENCE HEINEN
for Metro Canada

As one of three alternate players, Eric Staal could only watch as Canada struggled to a seventh-place showing in the men's hockey competition at the 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy.

Fast forward four years and Staal has a great shot to earn a regular spot on Team Canada for the 2010 Winter Olympics this February in Vancouver.

"Words can't describe what that would feel like," said the 24-year-old Carolina Hurricanes forward.

Eric's younger brothers Marc, 22, and Jordan, 20, also took part in the national men's team orientation camp this week in Calgary.

"I don't think anyone in our family really realized how far we've taken this, and it's really surreal." Jordan Staal

"It would be pretty amazing and something special," the eldest Staal said of the chance for all three to make the team. "They're very good players. They've got a chance just like anybody else here of cracking the lineup."

With 16 defencemen at camp, Marc will be in tough to earn one of seven spots for blue-liners on the squad.

"I know I have to be doing something right to get on the list," said the New York Rangers rearguard, who stands 6-foot-4 and weighs 220 pounds, just like Eric. "It's pretty cool to be a part of it, but at the same time, I'm coming into camp confident and not just ready to be there, but trying to make an impression."

After hoisting the Stanley Cup as a member of the Pittsburgh Penguins, Jordan also got the call from Team Canada executive director Steve Yzerman to suit up at the orientation camp.

"I don't think anyone in our family really realized how far we've taken this, and it's really surreal, but at the same time we know we're good enough players to be here and we're good enough players to play on this team," said Jordan, who's the same height as his brothers, but outweighs them by 15 pounds.

Canada could very well have four Staals in contention to play for the men's team soon as the youngest of the brothers, Jared, 19, is an up-and-coming prospect with the Phoenix Coyotes.

Sports in brief

SOCCER Sportswear company Nike Inc. sold its ownership stake in the United Soccer Leagues to NuRock Soccer Holdings LLC Thursday. Nike inherited the USL structure when it bought British company Umbro in 2007.

NFL Buffalo Bills receiver Terrell Owens took a step closer in recovering from a sprained toe after working out and catching passes in individuals drills during practice.

UFC The UFC has confirmed it is headed to Vancouver. "We're going to Vancouver. We'll be there soon ... Let's just say we got it done," UFC president Dana White said Thursday. White did not offer any details at the UFC 102 pre-fight news conference in Portland, saying they would be provided at a later date. METRO NEWS SERVICES

PGA Tiger opens The Barclays

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Tiger Woods acknowledges the gallery after saving par on the 14th green Thursday during the first round at The Barclays at Liberty National in Jersey City, N.J. Woods finished the day tied for 27th. Steve Marino, Paul Goydos and Sergio Garcia were tied for the lead at 6-under. Calgary's Stephen Ames shot a 1-under 70, while Bright's Grove, Ont., native Mike Weir shot 71.

Toronto: World-class sports city?

FieldofPlay

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The time is at hand for Toronto. This weekend the Pan American Sports Organization (PASO) and its evaluation committee come calling to see if the city and the Greater Golden Horseshoe have what it takes to host the 2015 Pan Am Games.

What will they see?

They will surely witness a vibrant, multicultural, population in the hub of the bid community and be impressed by a sophisticated and ambitious urban giant with the corporate support as well as infrastructure to make the Games a reality.

"With the Pan Am decision looming, Toronto can no longer remain aloof."

There is no question that Toronto is Canada's premier professional sports city. When it comes to hockey, football, baseball, basketball, soccer, lacrosse, tennis, auto racing and golf, Toronto has got it all. And with its desire to attract an NFL franchise, it ha a voracious appetite for North American pro sport.

It should be a slam-dunk.

Surely Toronto and its surrounding municipalities are more impressive than bid rivals in Columbia and Peru. But there is one outstanding weakness, one smouldering fire the Big Smoke must extinguish in order to prove it really wants to be a major international city of sport.

Toronto has a less-than-glorious track record when it comes to hosting Olympic-style events.

The last time was the ill-fated 1993 World Indoor Track and Field Championships at SkyDome. Canadian Bruny Surin won the sprint title, but attendance was abysmal. Aside from soccer's FIFA U-20, which saw Toronto as one of six venues across the country, there's been precious little else. This may have been a factor in the failed efforts to land the Olympics in 1996 and again in 2008.

Meantime, Hamilton has hosted the World Cycling Championships; Edmonton, the World Track and Field Championships; Montreal, the World Aquatics Championships; Vancouver, the World Triathlon Championships; Quebec City and Halifax shared the World Hockey Championships; and Calgary has hosted the World Figure Skating Championships.

With the Pan Am decision looming, Toronto can no longer remain aloof.

To be successful in its quest to host the Pan Am Games and eventually an Olympics, Canada's biggest community must convince its doubters that it not only has the ambition to be a "world-class" sports city, but also that it has the will to make it happen.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

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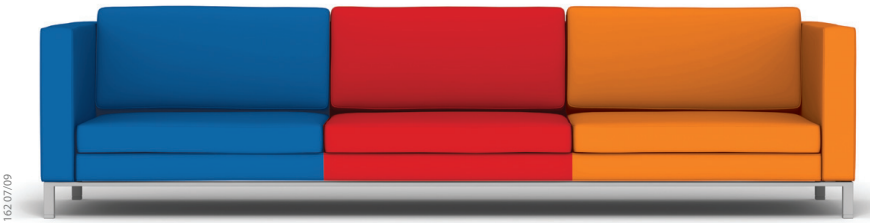

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Facility named after Pujols

A facility in Chesterfield, Mo., for adults with Down syndrome will be known as the Albert Pujols Wellness Center for Adults with Down Syndrome. The St. Louis Cardinals star, who has a daughter with Down syndrome, has helped raise funds for the centre. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Arsenal ready to take on Manchester United

SOCCER After scoring 15 goals in four games, Arsenal's stars are confident they will show critics they are genuine Premier League title contenders by beating defending champion Manchester United at Old Trafford Saturday (Setanta Sports Canada, 12:15 p.m. ET).

Starting the campaign with a 6-1 victory at Everton and then beating Portsmouth 4-1, Arsene Wenger's players displayed the swagger and panache that has made them one of the most entertaining teams in football.

They also confidently ousted Celtic from the Champions League with back-to-back victories to reach the group stage. Now comes a mouthwatering league game against United and Wenger, whose team has not won a trophy for four seasons, senses a victory.

"I am happy to go to Old Trafford because it is the first big, big test," said the Frenchman whose team is third to United's fourth. "You want always to have a high level of confidence when you go to Old Trafford — we have that at the moment."

Saturday's game will also show whether United, which won 5-0 at Wigan but lost at Burnley and could only beat promoted Birmingham 1-0, has lost momentum after the departures of Cristiano Ronaldo and Carlos Tevez. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Living the dream

Randy Ruiz making the most of his time with Jays

DAVID SINGH
for Metro Toronto

Randy Ruiz's father always had a dream of buying a nice house. For years and years he worked hard until, finally, he was able to accomplish that dream.

It's an anecdote that Ruiz, Toronto's current designated hitter, has carried with him as a source of inspiration.

"In my family, we're not quitters," Ruiz said. "When we have our eyes set on something, we don't stop until we get it."

While it has taken a while, that has certainly proved true for Ruiz's career. Over his 11 years in professional baseball, Ruiz, 31, has been almost exclusively a minor leaguer. His only major league experience was 22 games with Minnesota last season, in addition to his time with the Blue Jays over the last two weeks.

Ruiz had many chances to leave the game during the past decade, but said it was never something he considered.

What complicated matters for Ruiz, though, was that despite dominating at times in the minors — he won three batting titles, while posting a .304 career average — he could never catch on with a team. He played for 10 different organizations, and was either released or granted free agency nine times.

Randy Ruiz

Ruiz preferred to take a positive approach to his nomadic time in the minors.

"People would say 10 different organizations in 11 years (negatively) and I think they're a little wrong," he said. "You're just trying to go somewhere where you have an opportunity. People don't see that."

Leaning on his grandparents and his father for support helped Ruiz stave off any negative thoughts.

"They would say, 'If that's what you want or that's your dream, just go for your dream. Don't worry about anything else. Everything else will take its place,'" he recalled.

Things are now taking their place for Ruiz, who has provided a welcome spark to Toronto's lineup. While batting .315 over 14 contests, he has garnered hits in all but two of his games. Already being evaluated for a spot on next year's club, Ruiz said he wants to "make a name for myself" as 2009 winds down.

"They always say good things happen to good people who wait," said Ruiz.

"And I've been waiting a long time."

Consistent power threat

- Over the past five years in the minors, Ruiz bloomed into a consistent power threat, averaging about 24 homers a season during that span. That power has translated into his time with the Jays. Since being called up by Toronto, Ruiz has clubbed four home runs in just 14 games.

Argos look to break home losing streak

CFL Cody Pickett is getting to see a lot of the Calgary Stampeders.

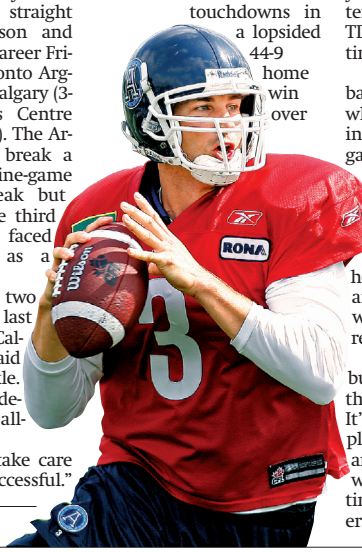
The third-year player will make his second straight start of the season and fourth of his CFL career Friday when the Toronto Argonauts (2-5) host Calgary (3-4) at the Rogers Centre (TSN, 7:30 p.m. ET). The Argos will look to break a club-record nine-game home losing streak but this will mark the third time Pickett has faced the Stampeders as a starter.

"Yeah, the only two games I played last year were against Calgary," Pickett said with a chuckle. "They're a good defence, a good all-around team.

"We'll have to take care of the ball to be successful."

That's an understatement.

Calgary's defence returned three turnovers for touchdowns in a lopsided 44-9 home win over Toronto on July 17. Kerry Joseph was the Argos starter and threw for 305 yards but also had two interceptions returned for TDs and was sacked six times.


Cody Pickett

But Calgary defensive back Dwight Anderson, who had one of Calgary's interception TDs, says that game is ancient history.

"You have to come to every game prepared, it doesn't matter who's starting," he said. "Cody has a good arm, he likes to sit back there and can pick you apart when he goes through his reads.

"We did have three TDs, but you have to remember they remember that, too. It's always harder when you play a team the second time around. We've both had a week off and both had time to gameplan each other." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Sports in brief

SOCCER UEFA warned European soccer clubs Thursday that they must break even in the future or face being barred from the Champions League. UEFA president Michel Platini said he wants new financial rules in place by 2012 to stop clubs from spending more on buying players and paying wages than they generate in football-related income.

TRACK AND FIELD It may be time to extend those sand pits because Usain Bolt is considering the long jump. The Jamaican sprint star said Thursday he would like to try the long jump some day. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Bateman brings on the bore

Extract star makes career out of plain characters

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Movie **feature**

Jason Bateman likes to spread the wealth and it's beginning to pay off.

Not only has the affable actor made a career out of handing over the spotlight to his co-stars but at 40 years old, the former child-actor's generosity may finally be paving the way to the A-list.

Of course, Bateman has had a string of success (Hancock, Juno) but it's always been as a supporting player.

Now, with the release of his first true leading role as the bewildered owner of a flavouring factory in Extract, one must stop to ponder — why did it take so long for Jason Bateman to become a marquee movie star?

"I think that people get to be 'big stars' based on the roles that they play," revealed the perpetual straight-man during a recent interview.

"You don't want a bunch of spice all the way through the movie; you need somebody, something down the middle and somewhat boring and plain like characters that I enjoy playing."

He modestly insists it's a simple case of finding your niche that has more to do with his success than luck. And as for Extract, Bateman has definitely found his niche. Written and directed by Mike Judge (TV's King of the Hill), Bateman hilariously plays straight man to a string of odd-but-authentic blue-collar characters.

Extract hits theatres next Friday

"For me, Mike Judge represents a certain tone and flavour of comedy that's not right in your face," said Bateman of his comfort in the movie. "What he writes are character comedies as opposed to joke comedies or broad, big comedic set-piece comedies … his laughs are very well earned."

While audiences will have to wait until next Friday to see Extract, Bateman will soon be a cinematic staple with no less than three films hitting theatres over the next few months. One of them — Up in the Air — reunited him with Canadian director Jason Reitman (Juno).

"(Reitman) showed it to me the other day and it's really, really good," said Bateman of the comedy which debuts at this year's Toronto International Film Festival. "He's an incredible talent you guys have spawned and I think it's going to be quite the victory tour for him up there again."

There Jason Bateman goes again — spreading the wealth.

Jason Bateman and Kristen Wiig turn up their comic flair in Extract.

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Where's the fun in Taking Woodstock?

Taking **Woodstock**

Director: Ang Lee
Stars: Demetri Martin, Emile Hirsch
Classification: R
Rating: ⊕⊕

HEIDI PATALANO
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Taking Woodstock promises to be a comedy. It even has a comedian as its leading man. But it is not funny — not even laugh in your head funny.

We'd prefer to pin most of the blame on the lead, non-actor Demetri Martin, who, no matter how much he self-deprecatingly claims he didn't know what he was doing (and he's not wrong there), makes the whole affair feel like a tepid high school play.

Taking Woodstock depicts the historic three-day concert of 1969 from the point of view of Elliot Teichberg, a man who helped to bring the festival to the small town where his parents owned a motel.

Comedian Demetri Martin joins the world's biggest party ever in Taking Woodstock.

You'd also expect more from a director like Ang Lee, who does nothing to reinvent any clichés we might have in mind about far-out hippies and the stodgy, conservative generation before them.

The only breath of fresh air comes from a handful of accomplished actors, such as Liev Schrieber and Paul Dano, who prove even within their tiny cameo parts that comedy and pathos can be drawn out of the weakest script.

Demetri Martin may be a great comedian, but his acting career should be as short-lived as our amusement with this film.

Farce, Canadian style

You Might as **Well Live**

Director: Simon Ennis
Stars: Josh Peace, Michael Madsen
Classification: STC
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW It takes a smart actor to convincingly play dumb, and as the hapless hero of Simon Ennis' debut feature You Might as Well Live, Josh Peace is heroically vacant.

The film is a bracingly scuzzy prodigal-son farce that finds Peace's bespectacled and mustachioed Robert Mutt returning to his Southern Ontario hometown following an extended stint in a mental institution.

The joke is that the residents of the idyllically named Riverside are far crazier than he is — not to mention out for his blood when he's fingered by his neighbour (Stephen McHattie) as a child pornographer.

In other words, this isn't Corner Gas: Ennis' sensibility is more in line with The Kids in the Hall, with maybe a hint of David Lynch in the conception of a small town shot through with sinister characters.

On a storytelling level, the script is quite simple, with Robert striving to prove to his neighbours — and himself — that he's not a complete loser. His eventual redemption is a fait accompli; the enjoyment comes in the grotty details and, mostly, Peace's willingness to participate in a series of abject set pieces.

It's clear that Ennis was working with a very small budget here, but he maintains an admirable tone of deadpan nastiness throughout, and gives all of the members of his large ensemble — which also includes Liane Balaban and Michael Madsen — ample space to shine.

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Sarandon goes to Wall Street

Susan Sarandon is joining the cast of the Wall Street sequel. The Thelma and Louise star is in final talks to play the mother of Shia LaBeouf's character in Wall Street 2: Money Never Sleeps. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

What a long, strange trip it's been

InFocus

Richard Crouse

metronews.ca/infocus

The video store isn't just a place to rent the latest DVDs. Hidden among the shelves are dozens of time capsules from another age.

Want to know what made Americans laugh in the 1920s? Rent The Gold Rush. How about a look at life in postwar Italy? Check out Open City. These shelves offer row upon row of living history; moving images that bring history to life.

Perhaps no decade has been as documented on film as the 1960s. From failed attempts to present the counter culture(Skidoo and Valley of the Dolls) to more zeitgeist grabbing entries(Woodstock and Zabriskie Point) and newer films that try to capture the spirit of the make-love-not-war decade (this weekend's Taking Woodstock) the films of and about the '60s paint a portrait of a decade of change.

Jack Nicholson claims to have watched Head, a psychedelic movie he helped write and produce, and starring The Monkees, "Like, 158 times." Seen through modern eyes it's hard to imagine multiple viewings of this strange movie, but there is a certain crazy charm to it.

More a stream-of-consciousness rant than an actual movie, Head is jammed full of musical numbers, film satires and references to '60s hot button topics like Vietnam and eastern religions.

Head, starring The Monkees, and The Trip offer glimpses of the wild life of the 1960s.

As a movie it's kind of a frustrating experience — Wikipedia says "even fans tend to disagree whether the film is a landmark of surreal, innovative filmmaking or simply a fascinating mess" — but it does capture the anarchic spirit of its time.

Jack Nicholson contributed to many counter culture films, most notably Easy Rider, but his script for the The Trip is a little known gem of druggie propaganda. Directed by Roger Corman (who dropped acid along with stars Dennis Hopper and Peter Fonda to prepare for filming) it's a snapshot of the frontier of the drug culture of the 1960s.

Fonda stars as a bored television director who drops acid and spends the balance of the movie hallucinating. An orange becomes "the sun in my hands, man!" before the trip turns sour and he is threatened by a chair. It's a madcap film featuring a strange sex scene with optical effects projected onto writhing bodies and loads of "groovy" dialogue.

If you weren't there, or were there and can't remember, these films offer a glimpse into the wild world of the 1960s.

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrchaos33@hotmail.com.

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Heartbreaking Silence

Lorna's Silence

Director: Jean-Pierre Dardenne, Luc Dardenne
Stars: Arta Dobroshi, Jeremie Renier, Fabrizio Rongione
Classification: STC
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕⊕

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Arta Dobroshi pays the titular character in Lorna's Silence.

REVIEW Lorna's Silence — the latest film by Cannes favourites the Dardenne brothers — is a powerful and emotionally draining experience.

Watching the film can't exactly be described as fun, but the raw emotions and difficult subject matter the Dardennes study with their unflinching handheld cameras are vital and compelling. The movie might be a little more conventional than the previous features by the masterful Belgian siblings, but it's no less emotionally challenging.

Arta Dobroshi brings a cold exterior and conflicted interior to the lead role of Lorna. She plays a woman who has married a pathetic junkie named Claudy to secure herself Belgian citizenship and plans to quickly divorce the sorry man to marry a Russian criminal as part of the same scam.

The operation is run by Fabio, a sleazy underground figure with mysterious connections. Lorna takes part in the disreputable scheme in the hopes of making enough money to open a café with her boyfriend. It's clear early on this is little more than a fantasy and Lorna is stuck in a ring of human exploitation not unlike prostitution.

She may not be forced to sleep with any of her accomplices, but she's being used purely for her gender and treated in a dehumanizing manner not unlike a lady of the night.

The Dardennes never paint the characters as heroes or villains, instead presenting a collection of flawed human beings trapped in overwhelming circumstances. The situations explored in Lorna's Silence are sadly quite true and the filmmakers treat them with the level of gravity and realism they deserve.

It's a heartbreaking film, but a rewarding one offering plenty of material for passionate red-eyed discussion to be carried out by the audience long after the credits roll.

Jolie Wanted alive

Angelina Jolie is to be brought back from the dead. Producers are so desperate for the actress to reprise her Wanted role that they are coming up with storylines to bring her back — despite the character dying in the first movie. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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How to die in 3-D

The Final Destination latest in gory series

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

The folks behind the Final Destination films spend a lot of time thinking about death, and they're the first to admit that it can take its toll.

"We've been very creative in creating new ways to die, which is kind of sick," says director David R. Ellis, who returns to the franchise after sitting out the third instalment.

"There are a lot of twisted people on this film. It was a battle to see who could be more twisted."

If he sounds conflicted about his work, there's a reason. Even with Snakes on a Plane on his resume, as a director Ellis wasn't immediately drawn to the scary movie genre.

"I wasn't a big horror film fan when I was asked to do Final Destination 2. And I'm not sure that I'm proud of myself that I've gotten so into it," he says.

One thing he is proud of is the fact that the fourth film has something the others didn't. In the latest chapter — the "the" in the title is supposed to suggest this will be the last, according to producers — viewers get a new element: Gooey, gory mayhem in full-on 3-D.

The Final Destination opens today

"It's going to be the future of a lot of films, but I don't think it's going to replace 2-D," Ellis says.

"I don't think people are ready for that. But there will be more and more films that it makes sense to shoot in 3-D."

The director wasn't alone in his hesitance about horror. "I don't do well with blood," admits Shantel Vansanten, who stars as one of the group of attractive young people spared from a horrific accident because of a friend's premonition — only to have death hunt them down one by one.

"I don't do well with gory films at all. I'd never watched any of them prior to booking the film."

Shantel Vansanten plays a young woman hunted by death in The Final Destination.

Movie feature

What she got was a crash course. With three films in the series already done, audiences are familiar enough with the formula that the filmmakers didn't need to worry about too much besides creating more intricate and interesting death scenes.

"We skipped all the exposition and just got to what people wanted to see," says Bobby Campo, the film's lead.

And that formula is something that The Final Destination does well, offering a unique experience of pure spectacle that never takes itself too seriously. But, the cast admits it's an awful lot to take in for the average viewer, especially in 3-D.

Co-star Nick Zano says he's worried about taking him mother to the premiere, and not just because of all the blood.

"My mom is hypersensitive. She cries over anything," he says.

"I'm just afraid she'll start crying during my sex scene."

Twist ending whitewashes Black

Black

Director: Pierre Laffargue
Stars: MC Jean Gab'1, Carole Karemera, Nicky Naude
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Considering that supersized action stars dominated summer multiplexes for so long, it's odd that Pierre Laffargue's debut French action flick Black feels like a throwback.

These days, audiences rarely get to watch things blow up in slow motion without a spandex-clad superhero or Nicholas Cage in the lead role. So, Black ends up seeming charmingly nostalgic in it's depiction of a heavily muscled macho man (played by the irritatingly named MC Jean Gab'1) pulling heists, shooting guns, and seducing ladies.

MC Jean Gab'1 stars in the old-school action flick Black.

At least, that's true of the first two acts of the film. Most of Black plays like an old-school action movie with MC Jean Gab'1 gathering an eccentric crew for a diamond heist and heading off to Africa to steal the stones from the clutches of an evil general.

As is always the case in these scenarios, things don't go exactly to plan. There are a few clever twists that see power shifts among the villains and a few double agents come into play.

But then just as the explosive climax is about to take place, the director pulls the rug out from his audience's feet and turns the movie into a supernatural voodoo thriller where all of the characters become the figures of a prophecy.

It's a bold and genre-defying twist to be sure, but one that turns out to be a little too ambitious. Perhaps Laffargue was playing things for laughs and the comedy didn't quite work, but the ending is just too silly even for a movie as breezily entertainment-driven as this.

There are enough chases, shootouts, and machete fights to make Black an entertaining experience, but the ridiculous finale and MC Jean Gab'1's general lack of charisma hold the movie back. You certainly won't forget Black once you've seen it, but not necessarily for the right reasons.

Yoga doc too relaxed

Enlighten Up

Director: Kate Richardson
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●½

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Kate Richardson's new documentary is about the mental and physical benefits of practicing yoga as experienced by a non-believer — specifically a skeptical, out-of-work journalist named Nick Rosen.

Given this human-guinea-pig set-up, it doesn't take long for Enlighten Up to fall into a Supersize Me-style groove, with the less-than-affable Rosen submitting to daily body-bending under the watchful eyes of several renowned yogis (and also his yoga-friendly director).

The process doesn't take off at first, leading to tension as Richardson starts needling her subject/collaborator to become more flexible (in both senses of the world).

It's surely amusing to note that the filmmaker's commitment to meditation hasn't necessarily softened all of her edges, and Rosen is adept at pushing her buttons.

This convert-skeptic push-pull is frequently entertaining.

But the film's analysis of the downward-dog-and-pony-show that is the worldwide yoga industry is skimpy.

In lieu of any truly detailed analysis about the mind-body link, we get glossy travelogue segments (in Hawaii and India) and talking head interviews with colorful characters (like former pro wrestler Diamond Dallas Page).

Appropriately for a film about yoga, Enlighten Up feels relaxed, but maybe to a fault: in refusing to push beyond pop-doc conventions, it merely confirms the featherweight promise of its title.

Fox no Catwoman

Megan Fox will have to claw her way into another role. The sexy starlet has not been cast as Catwoman by Warner Bros. "It's rumour. It's not true," said a studio rep. "There is no script. There is no project to be cast in." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Gerard Butler: It's a guy thing

Scottish star attracted to myth of masculinity

SAYEED ADYANI

Amber Valletta and Gerard Butler star in the sci-fi action film Gamer. It opens in theatres next week.

Movie **feature**

In the new action film, Gamer, video games have conjoined with reality, and gamers can control the lives of real people from the comfort of their couches. It can sound a little like today's Hollywood: teenage boys rule the world.

The star of Gamer, Gerard Butler, has seen his star rise thanks to that very demographic, who have cheered him in 300, Guy Ritchie's RocknRolla and the 2001 TV series, Attila, his early breakthrough.

But the Scottish actor has proven just as appealing to women. He's been labelled a full-fledged sex symbol after performances in the 2007 romance P.S. I Love You and this summer's romantic comedy The Ugly Truth.

In a Hollywood increasingly bereft of stars, the charismatic Butler has been pegged as an ascendant A-lister. It's an unlikely fate for the 39-year-old, who was once days away from becoming a lawyer. Dragged down by too much partying, he was fired and immediately reconsidered his life and career.

This fall, he'll co-star with Jamie Foxx in Law Abiding Citizen, the first film Butler has produced. He's also recently been filming The Bounty with Jennifer Aniston in New York, where he lives most of the time.

Q What's the last year or so been like, as fame has come quickly?

A It's been a mixture of learning to adjust to slightly different realities in terms of your career, how you're viewed by the industry and the public and in terms of how you're viewed when you walk down the bloody street. It's been a mixture of coming to terms with that and then relaxing into it and really enjoying it.

Q It appears that you wear fame well. You've artfully denied tabloid rumours about you and Aniston with sarcasm.

A That got me into trouble once in Britain when they were asking me about James Bond. I was so sick about being asked about James Bond — it was before Daniel Craig had taken the role. They said, "So is it true about Bond?" And I said, "Yeah, I'm in talks with (producer) Barbara Broccoli. I told her that if Ann Widdecombe can be my Bond girl, then I'll do it." Now, Ann Widdecombe was at that time mid-70s, hugely overweight, very little hair. Thought it was funny but the next day in the Scottish papers — they took one part of it and said: "Gerald Butler is going to be the next James Bond." That's when you think, "Should I just lose my sense of humour completely?"

Q Have you seen a change in the scripts you're offered?

A What I notice is the scripts have become, one, of a far higher quality, and, two, more diverse. It's not all action, it's not all comedy, it's not all romantic comedy. I'm getting all sorts of scripts from heavy dramas to maybe a black comedy to even a musical.

Q Have you admired the arc of anyone's career in particular?

A Paul Newman, Steve McQueen could do a drama with a really cool edge to it, but then also do comedy. . . . The kind of career trajectory that I've had, a more modern example, would be a Mel Gibson.

Q Movies like 300 and Gamer tout a violent vision of tough-guy masculinity not seen in many films these days. Is that a subject you're drawn to?

A I am very much a man and I naturally bring a masculinity to those roles. Mike Chadway in The Ugly Truth, for example, could have been played in many different ways. . . . But I also think I'm attracted to roles where guys get to talk about the mythical struggle of guys and what it is to be a man.

Q You've also become a sex symbol, a role you've made light of but acknowledged is mostly to the good.

A I joke with that because it's way better to be appreciated than to not be appreciated. For anybody to blow it off and dismiss it, they're either insane or they're just not being honest or they're being extremely arrogant. . . . As you're saying that, my natural response is going to be, "Well, I don't really see it." But then again, I do.

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Corman still mentoring new talent

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

"Film is ... the most expensive artform. I have always tried to be as efficient as possible with my work while also bringing a certain level of artistic integrity."
Roger Corman

Back in the mid-'50s, when the drive-in movie was barely a glint in the mainstreams' eye, a pioneer of cinema forged a blazing trail across America and the world.

His name was — and still is — Roger Corman, an engineering student turned B-movie master who saw a hole in the burgeoning teenage market for lower end, rougher movies that could be made quickly, cheaply and effectively.

Starting with his production of Wyott Ordung's ludicrous tropical shocker Monster From the Ocean Floor in 1954, Corman unleashed a decade spanning torrent of B-movie gems that mined every exploitable genre, from racing drama (1955's original Fast and the Furious), science fiction (1957's Attack of the Crab Monsters), literate-minded horror (1960's House of Usher) and wild action (1975's satirical Death Race 2000).

Today, still spry at 83, the producer, director and studio mogul is as prolific as ever. Under the banner of his studio New Horizons Pictures, Corman still enforces his mandate to create lower end, commercially viable films that don't insult audience intelligence.

"I've always thought that film, being a visual medium, is by its definition an artform," says Corman, who, in his over half century in the business, only lost money once (1962's William Shatner starring racial drama The Intruder).

"But film is also the most expensive artform. I have always tried to be as efficient as possible with my work while also bringing a certain level of artistic integrity."

Corman is perhaps most revered for nurturing and mentoring some of film history's heaviest hitting talent, giving starts to the likes of Francis Ford Coppola (1963's Dementia 13), Ron Howard (1977's Grand Theft Auto), Jack Nicholson (1961's original Little Shop of Horrors), Martin Scorsese (1972's Boxcar Bertha) and James Cameron (1981's Piranha 2).

For these future masters, working their way up the ranks in Corman's kingdom was better than film school.

"I am still very friendly with all of them," says Corman of his high-profile Hollywood disciples.

Veteran producer and director Roger Corman.

"I'm very proud of what they've accomplished, especially Jim (Cameron), who always showed dedication and professionalism along with creative vision. Today, I still get short films, student films and demo reels sent to my office and if I like the work, we give them a chance. I'm still very interested in promoting young talent."

In person

- Roger Corman is appearing at Fan Expo Canada 2009 this weekend. For more information, visit fanexpocanada.com

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10 Dundas St East, 416-977-2642

Black (STC) Fri-Sun 11:15-2:15-5-7:45-10:25 Mon-Tue 2:15-5-7:45-10:25 Wed 2:15-10:25 Thu 2:15-5-7:45-10:25
The Boys: The Sherman Brothers' Story (G) Fri-Sun 11:25-2-4:30-7-9:45 Mon-Tue 2-4:30-7-9:45 Wed-Thu 4:30-7-9:45
The Final Destination (STC) Special Engagement, Digital Fri-Sat 10:45-11:30-12:15-1-1:45-2:30-3:15-3:45-4:45-5:30-6-6:45-7:30-8:15-9-9:45-10:30-11:15 Special Engagement, Digital Sun 10:45-11:30-12:15-1-1:45-2:30-3:15-3:45-4:45-5:30-6-6:45-7:30-8:15-9-9:45-10:30 Special Engagement, Digital Mon-Thu 1-1:45-2:30-3:15-3:45-4:45-5:30-6-6:45-7:30-8:15-9-9:45-10:30 Fri-Sun 11-2-4:30-7:15-9:30 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 11-2-4:30-7:15-9:30
Funny People (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-7
G-Force (STC) Fri-Sun 11:15-1:25-4 Mon-Thu 1:25-4
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG) Fri-Sun 11:45-12:45-2:45-3:45-5:45-6:45-8:45-9:45 Mon-Thu 1:45-4:45-7:45-10:30 Fri-Sun 10:45-1:45-4:45-7:45-10:30 Mon-Thu 12:45-2:45-3:45-5:45-6:45-8:45-9:45
The Hangover (14A) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:20-5:45-8:15-10:45
The Hurt Locker (14A) Fri-Wed 1:20-7:25 Thu 12:35
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Sun 10:45-11:25-12:25-1:25-2:25-3:30-4:25-5:25-6:20-7:20-8:20-9:20-10:20 Mon-Thu 1:25-2:25-3:30-4:25-5:25-6:20-7:20-8:20-9:20-10:20
Kaminey (PG) Fri-Wed 4:20-10:25 Thu 3:25
Orphan (14A) Fri-Thu 4-10:15
A Perfect Getaway (14A) Fri-Sun 10:50-1:05-3:25-5:50-8:20-10:40 Mon-Thu 1:05-3:25-5:50-8:20-10:40
Post Grad (PG) Fri-Sun 11-1:40-3:50-6-8:25-10:35 Mon-Thu 1:40-3:50-6-8:25-10:35
The Proposal (PG) Fri-Thu 7:05-9:35
Public Enemies (14A) Fri-Thu 3:40-10:15
Taking Woodstock (14A) Special Engagement Fri-Sat 11:30-12:30-1-2:30-3:30-4:30-5:30-6:30-7:30-8:30-9:30-10:30-11 Special Engagement Sun 11:30-12:30-1-2:30-3:30-4:30-5:30-6:30-7:30-8:30-9:30-10:30 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 12:30-1-2:30-3:30-4:30-5:30-6:30-7:30-8:30-9:30-10:30
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-7:05
Up (PG) Fri-Sun 11:20-1:45-4:05-6:30 Mon-Thu 1:45-4:05-6:50
You Might As Well Live (STC) Fri-Sun 11:15-1:15-3:15-5:15-7:15-9:15 Mon-Wed 1:15-3:15-5:15-7:15-9:15 Thu 1:15-3:15-5:15

WEST END

ALBION CINEMAS
1530 Albion Rd., 416-742-3456

Apni Boli Apna Des (STC) Fri 6:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 1-6:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:30
Kaminey (PG) Fri-Sun 9:15 Mon-Thu 4
Kissan (Hindi with English Subtitles) (STC) Fri 4:15-7 Sat-Sun 11-2-4:15-7 Mon-Thu 4:15-7
Life Partner (G) Fri-Sun 4 Mon-Thu 9:15

QUEENSWAY
1025 The Queensway, 416-503-0424

(500) Days of Summer (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:45-6:25-9:20
District 9 (14A) Fri-Thu 12:35-1:15-3:25-4:20-6:30-7:15-9:35-10:05
The Final Destination (STC) No Passes Fri 2-4-7-9:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 2-4:30-7-9:30 No Passes Mon 2-4:35-7-9:30 No Passes Tue-Thu 2-4:30-7-9:30
The Final Destination 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:40-3-5:20-7:45-10:10 No Passes Mon 12:45-3-5:20-7:45-10:10 No Passes Tue-Thu 12:40-3-5:20-7:45-10:10
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 1:30-4-6:55-9:25
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:55-7:10-10
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:40-6:15-9:05
Halloween II (18A) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:25-7:30-10:25
The Hangover (14A) Fri-Thu 9:40
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-4:40-8:20
Inglourious Basterds (14A) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:10-4:10-6:50-7:50-10:30
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:35-6:40-9:50
Ponyo (G) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:05
Post Grad (PG) Fri-Tue 1-3:30-6:20-9 Wed 3:30-6:20-9 Thu 1-3:30-6:20-9 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Shorts (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:50-7:05
Taking Woodstock (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:15-7:20-10:20
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:35-7:25-10:15
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 6:45-9:20

WOODBINE CENTRE
500 Rexdale Blvd., 416-213-1998

District 9 (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-4-6:55-9:30
The Final Destination (STC) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:10-5:10-7:10-9:20
G-Force (STC) Fri-Thu 12:35-2:40-4:45-6:50-9
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:50-6:40-9:25
Inglourious Basterds (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:30-7:45
Post Grad (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-2:50-5-7-9:05
Shorts (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:45-5-7:05-9:10
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 3-4:15-7:10-9:40

EAST END

BEACH CINEMAS
1651 Queen St. E., 416-699-5971

District 9 (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:10-10
The Final Destination 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-3-5:20-7:45-10:10
Halloween II (18A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:20-9:50
Inglourious Basterds (14A) Fri-Thu 3:15-7-10:20
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:40-6:40-9:40
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:50-6:30-9:20

FOX THEATRE
2236 Queen St. E., 416-691-7330

Away We Go (14A) Fri-Sat 7 Sun 4-7 Mon 7
The Hurt Locker (14A) Fri-Mon 9
Metropolitan Opera: The Barber of Seville (STC) Sat 3:30
Toons For Toddlers (STC) Sat 10
The Wizard of Oz (G) Sun 2

NORTH YORK

SHEPPARD GRANDE
4861 Yonge St., 416-590-9974

(500) Days of Summer (PG) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:20-9:55
Apni Boli Apna Des (Punjabi w/e.s.t.) (STC) Fri-Thu 12:20-4-9:10
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) Fri-Thu 9:20
Inglourious Basterds (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-1:30-4:30-5:20-8-9
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:45
Ponyo (G) Fri-Mon 1:05-3:40-6:45 Tue 1:05 Wed-Thu 1:05-3:40-6:45
Shorts (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:30-6:30-9:30
Taking Woodstock (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:20-6:40-9:40
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4:20-7:10
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:10-9:50

EMPRESS WALK
5095 Yonge St., 416-223-9550

District 9 (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:30-2-4:15-5:15-7-8:15-9:45
The Final Destination 3D (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Thu 2:45-5:10-7:45-10:20
Funny People (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:15-4:20-7:25-10:30
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:20-10:15
Halloween II (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2:15-4:45-7:15-10:10
The Hangover (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2:30-5-7:40-10:05
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 3:15-6:45-10
The Hurt Locker (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 1:40-4:40-7:30-10:25 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 4:40-7:30-10:25 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:30-10:25
Opus Arte: La Traviata (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 11
Post Grad (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:20-4-7:10-9:30
Raiders of the Lost Ark (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 11:30

SILVERCITY YORKDALE 6
3401 Dufferin St., 416-444-3456

District 9 (14A) Fri-Thu 1-3:50-6:50-9:45
The Final Destination 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-3-5:20-7:45-10:10
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:20-6:45-9:30
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-4:10-7:20-10:25 Mon-Thu 12:50-4-7:20-10:15
Halloween II (18A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:40-7:30-10:20 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:40-7:30-10:15
Inglourious Basterds (14A) Fri-Sun 12:20-3:40-7:05-10:30 Mon-Thu 2-6:30-10
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Sun 12:35-4-7:10:15 Mon-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:50
Post Grad (PG) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:15 Mon-Thu 1:45-4:10
Shorts (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:45-6:30-9:20 Mon-Thu 1:10-3:40-6:30-9:20
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:20-6:20-9:15
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Wed 7:10-10 Thu 7:10

SILVERCITY FAIRVIEW
1800 Sheppard Ave. E., 416-644-7746

District 9 (14A) Fri-Sat 1:30-4:40-7:30-10:20 Sun-Thu 1:30-4:40-7:30-10:15
The Final Destination 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-3-

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5:20-7:45-10:10
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:50-7:10-9:30
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-4-7-9:50
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) Fri-Thu 9:20
Halloween II (18A) Fri-Sat 1:40-4:30-7:40-10:30 Sun-Thu 1:40-4:30-7:40-10:15
Inglourious Basterds (14A) Fri-Thu 2-6:30-10
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:50-6:40-9:40
Shorts (PG) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:10-6:50
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Sat 1:10-4:20-7:20-10:15 Sun-Thu 1:10-4:20-7:20-10:05

SCARBOROUGH

COLISEUM SCARBOROUGH
300 Borough Dr., 416-290-5217

And I Love You So (Filipino) (STC) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:30-6:50-9:35
Halloween II (18A) Fri-Thu 1-1:30-4-4:30-7-7:30-10-10:30
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-4:05-6:45-9:45
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:50-6:55-10:15
Kanthaswamy (Tamil) (14A) Fri-Thu 2-6:10:05
A Perfect Getaway (14A) Fri-Wed 1:25-4:20-7:25-10:25 Thu 7:25-10:25
Post Grad (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:55-6:30-9:55
Shorts (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:25-6:40-9:40
Taking Woodstock (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:45-7:05-10:20
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:25-7:15-9:50

EGLINTON TOWN CENTRE
1901 Eglinton Ave. E., 416-752-4494

District 9 (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-1:40-3:20-4:30-7-7:50-9:40-10:40
The Final Destination 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-3-5:20-7:45-10:10
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 1:35-4-6:50-9:10
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:20-7:15-10:30
Halloween II (18A) Fri-Thu 12:50-2-3:40-4:40-6:20-7:20-9:20-10:20
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 1:50-5:15-9
Inglourious Basterds (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-2:50-5-6:30-8:50-10
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:50-7:40-10:35
Kanthaswamy (Tamil) (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-5:30-9:30
Ponyo (G) Fri-Thu 1-4:10-7:10
Post Grad (PG) Fri-Wed 12:45-3:10-6:45-9:45 Thu 3:10-6:45-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Shorts (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:30-6:40-9:15
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:50-7:30-10:15
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 9:50

401 & MORNINGSIDE
785 Milner Ave., 416-281-2226

District 9 (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4-7:20-10:30
The Final Destination (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-7:10-9:50
G-Force (STC) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:45-4:55-7:25
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:35-6:30-9:25
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) Fri-Thu 9:45
Halloween II (18A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:45-7:35-10:10
Inglourious Basterds (14A) Fri-Sat 12:10-2-3:25-6:20-6:45-9:40-10:20 Sun 12:10-2-3:25-6:20-6:45-9:40-10:25 Mon-Thu 12:10-2-3:25-6:20-6:45-9:40-10:20
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3-6-9
Post Grad (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40-3:55-7-9:15
Shorts (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:10-6:10-8:45
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-6:50-9:35

KENNEDY COMMONS 20
33 William Kitchen Rd., 416-335-5323

(500) Days of Summer (PG) Fri-Sun 12:55-3:15-5:35-7:50-10:05 Mon-Thu 3:15-5:35-7:50-10:05
District 9 (14A) Fri-Sun 11:30-12:15-1-2-3-3:45-4:30-5:30-6:25-7:15-8-9-10-10:45 Mon-Thu 2-3-3:45-4:30-5:30-6:25-7:15-8-9-10-10:45
The Final Destination (STC) Digital Fri-Sun 11:45-1:55-4:15-6:30-8:45-10:45 Mon-Thu 2:45-3:30-5-5:45-7:15-8-9:30-10:15 Fri-Sun 11-12:30-1:15-2:45-3:30-5-5:45-7:15-8-9:30-10:15 Digital Mon-Thu 4:15-6:30-8:45-10:45
Funny People (14A) Fri-Thu 7:20-10:25
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG) Fri-Sun 11:40-2:25-5:10-7:50-10:30 Mon-Thu 2:25-5:10-7:50-10:30
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) Fri-Sun 11:45-2-4:05-6:15-8:25-10:40 Mon-Thu 2-4:05-6:15-8:25-10:40
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Sun 12:05-3:20-6:35-9:50 Mon-Thu 3:20-6:35-9:50
Inglourious Basterds (14A) Fri-Sun 11-12-1-2:15-3:15-4:15-5:30-6:30-7:30-8:45-9:45-10:40 Mon-Thu 2:15-3:15-4:15-5:30-6:30-7:30-8:45-9:45-10:40
Kaminey (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:25-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:25-10:20
Ponyo (G) Fri-Sun 12:55-3:20-5:45-8:10-10:35 Mon-Thu 3:20-5:45-8:10-10:35
The Proposal (PG) Fri-Sun 11:55-2:25-4:55-7:25-9:55 Mon-Thu 2:25-4:55-7:25-9:55
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Sun 11:30-12:15-1:55-2:45-4:30-5:15-7:7:45-9:30-10:20 Mon-Thu 2:45-4:30-5:15-7:7:45-9:30-10:20
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-4-7:10-10:15 Mon-Thu 4-7:10-10:15
Up (PG) Fri-Sun 12:05-2:30-4:55 Mon-Thu 2:30-4:55

WOODSIDE CINEMAS
1571 Sandhurst Circle, 416-299-3456

Daddy Cool (STC) Fri 5-7:15-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:30-5-7:15-9:30 Mon-Thu 5-7:15-9:30
Kaminey (PG) Fri-Thu 9:45
Kissan (Hindi with English Subtitles) (STC) Fri 4:45-7-9:15 Sat-Sun 12:45-3-5:15-7:30 Mon-Thu 4:45-7-9:15
Life Partner (G) Fri-Thu 2:45

PEEL REGION

CINÉ STARZ
377 Burnhamthorpe Rd. E., 905-290-2401

The Hangover (14A) Fri-Thu 1:50-5:20-8:50
My Sister's Keeper (PG) Fri-Thu 12-3:30-7
Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) Fri-Thu 12-5:30
Orphan (14A) Fri-Thu 9:35
The Proposal (PG) Fri-Thu 12-1:50-3:40-7:15-9:05
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:25-7
Up (PG) Fri-Thu 12-1:45-3:30-5:15-7:8:45

COLISEUM 10
309 Rathburn Rd., 905-275-3456

Apni Boli Apna Des (Punjabi w/e.s.t.) (STC) Fri-Thu 12-3:20-6:50-10:20
District 9 (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-1:40-3:10-4:30-6:30-7:20-9:30-10:30
The Final Destination (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:30-4-6:40-9:20
The Final Destination 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-3-5:20-7:45-10:10
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:05
Halloween II (18A) Fri-Thu 12:30-1:50-3:40-4:45-6:20-7:30-9:10-10:25
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Sun 12-3:15-6:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 1-4:30-8
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:30-6:10-9
Inglourious Basterds (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-2-4:20-6:15-8:30-10
Post Grad (PG) Fri-Tue 1-3:50-7-9:40 Wed 3:50-7-9:40 Thu 1-3:50-7-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

COURTNEY PARK 16
110 Courtney Park Dr., 905-362-1210

District 9 (14A) Fri-Sat 11:25-12:10-1:30-2:15-3-4:20-5:10-5:50-7:15-8-8:45-10:05-10:50-11:30 Sun 11:25-12:10-1:30-2:15-3-4:20-5:10-5:50-7:15-8-8:45-10:05-10:50 Mon-Thu 12:10-1:30-2:15-3-4:20-5:10-5:50-7:15-8-8:45-10:05-10:50
The Final Destination (STC) Special Engagement, Digital Fri-Sat 12:35-2:50-5:05-7:20-9:40-12 Special Engagement, Digital Sun-Thu 12:35-2:50-5:05-7:20-9:40 Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11-1:25-3:40-5:55-8:20-10:40 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 1:25-3:40-5:55-8:20-10:40
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG) Fri-Sun 11:05-2-4:50-7:50-10:55 Mon-Thu 2-4:50-7:50-10:55
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:20-5:45-8:10-10:45
Halloween II (18A) Fri-Sat 11:10-12:45-1:55-3:30-4:40-6:15-7:25-9-10:10-11:45 Sun 11:10-12:45-1:55-3:30-4:40-6:15-7:25-9-10:10 Mon-Thu 12:45-1:55-3:30-4:40-6:15-7:25-9-10:10
Inglourious Basterds (14A) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:30-12:05-2:55-3:35-6:20-7-9:45-10:30 Mon-Thu 12:05-2:55-3:35-6:20-7-9:45-10:30
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:15
Post Grad (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 12:15-2:40-5-7:30-9:55 Mon-Thu 12:15-2:40-5-7:30-9:55
Shorts (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:35-2:05-4:35-7:05-9:30 Mon-Thu 2:05-4:35-7:05-9:30
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Sun 11:20-2:10-4:55-7:40-10:25 Mon-Thu 2:10-4:55-7:40-10:25
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:05-5:35-8:05-10:35

ORION GATE GRANDE
20 Biscayne Cr., 905-455-1590

District 9 (14A) Fri-Thu 12:55-4:15-7:10-9:55
The Final Destination (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:55-4:45-7:25-10:15
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:25-7:15-10
Halloween II (18A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:05-6:55-9:35
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 1:45-5:05-8:30
Inglourious Basterds (14A) Fri-Thu 2:05-6:35-10:05
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Tue 1:05-3:55-6:45-9:45 Wed 3:55-6:45-9:45 Thu 1:05-3:55-6:45-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Shorts (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:15-9:05
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:35-6:25-9:15
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:35-7-9:25

SILVERCITY BRAMPTON
50 Great Lakes, 905-789-6797

Apni Boli Apna Des (Punjabi w/e.s.t.) (STC) Fri-Thu 1:10-5-9:10
Daddy Cool (Hindi) (STC) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:50-9:50
District 9 (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20
The Final Destination 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-3-5:20-7:45-10:10
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:10-6:45-9:20
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:15-9:45
Halloween II (18A) Fri-Thu 2-4:45-7:35-10:30
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 8:50
Inglourious Basterds (14A) Fri-Thu 1-2:10-4:50-6:30-9-10:15
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:20-6:25-9:30
Kaminey (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:40-7:05-10:25
A Perfect Getaway (14A) Fri-Thu 9:40
Post Grad (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:15-6:40-9:15
Shorts (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-3:50-6:20
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-4-7-10
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:30-6:10

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The Final Destination (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:40-4:50-7:10-9:30
The Final Destination 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-3-5:20-7:45-10:10
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:30-10:15
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) Fri-Tue 9:20 Wed 6:50-9:20 Thu 9:20
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:30-7:50
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D (PG) Fri-Tue 1:30-4-6:50 Wed 1:30-4 Thu 1:30-4-6:50
Inglourious Basterds (14A) Fri-Thu 1-2:30-4:20-6:30-8-10
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-6:40-9:40
Taking Woodstock (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-7-9:50
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-7:20-10:05

SQUARE ONE
100 City Centre Dr., 905-275-2640

(500) Days of Summer (PG) Stadium Seating Fri 1:20-3:40-6:30-9-11:20 Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 11-1:20-3:40-6:30-9 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 1:20-3:40-6:30-9
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (STC) THX Fri 2:10-4:50-7:15-9:30 THX Sat-Sun 11:45-2:10-4:50-7:15-9:30 THX Mon-Thu 2:10-4:50-7:15-9:30
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) Stadium Seating Fri 2:30-5:10-7:40 Stadium Seating Sat 5:10-7:40 Stadium Seating Sun-Thu 2:30-5:10-7:40
Julie & Julia (PG) Stadium Seating Fri 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:10 Stadium Seating Sat 10:50-1:40-4:30-7:20-10:10 Stadium Seating Sun 10:50-4:30-7:20-10:10 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:10
Kaminey (PG) Stadium Seating, Sub-Titled Fri-Thu 1-4:05-7:10-10:15
Kissan (Hindi with English Subtitles) (STC) Stadium Seating, Sub-Titled Fri 1:05-3:50-6:40-9:40-11:59 Stadium Seating, Sub-Titled Sat-Thu 1:05-3:50-6:40-9:40
Opus Arte: La Traviata (STC) Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 11
A Perfect Getaway (14A) Stadium Seating Fri 9:50-11:59 Stadium Seating Sat-Thu 9:50
Ponyo (G) Stadium Seating Fri 2 Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 11:30-2 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 2
Shorts (PG) Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri 2:20-4:40-6:55-9:15 Stadium Seating, No Passes Sat-Sun 12-2:20-4:40-6:55-9:15 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 2:20-4:40-6:55-9:15
South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut (STC) Stadium Seating Fri 11:30
Taking Woodstock (14A) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:10-4-7:10
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Stadium Seating Fri 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:25-11:50 Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 10:55-1:30-4:10-6:50-9:25 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:25
The Ugly Truth (14A) Stadium Seating Fri 5-7:30-9:55-11:59 Stadium Seating Sat-Thu 5-7:30-9:55

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2331 Ninth Line, 905-257-8272

Brüno (18A) Sat 12:50
District 9 (14A) Fri-Sat 10:40 Sun-Thu 8:50
The Final Destination 3D (STC) Fri-Sat 10:25 Sun-Thu 8:40
Halloween II (18A) Fri-Sat 11:15 Sun-Thu 8:30
The Hangover (14A) Fri-Sat 8:40 Sun-Thu 10:35
The Inglorious Bastards (STC) Fri-Sat 8:30 Sun-Thu 10:25
Orphan (14A) Sat 12:20
A Perfect Getaway (14A) Sat 1:10
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Sat 8:50 Sun-Thu 11

AURORA CINEMAS
15460 Bayview Ave., 905-841-1789

District 9 (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-7-9:50
The Final Destination (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 2-4:50-8-10:30
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4-6:50-9:45
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:30-7:50-10:15
Halloween II (18A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:30-10:20
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 9:40
Inglourious Basterds (14A) Fri-Thu 3-6:30-10
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-6:40-9:30
Post Grad (PG) Fri-Wed 1-3:30-7:40-10:10 Thu 3:30-7:40-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Shorts (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:50-7:20
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:10-9:55

COLOSSUS 19
3555 Hwy 7 West, 905-851-1001

(500) Days of Summer (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:40-10:15
District 9 (14A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:40-6:50-7:35-9:45-10:25
The Final Destination (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:30-3:45-7:15-9:40
The Final Destination 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-3-5:20-7:45-10:10
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:35-6:55-9:55
Halloween II (18A) Fri-Thu 1-2-4-4:45-7-7:30-10-10:30
The Hangover (14A) Fri-Thu 2:15-5-8-10:30
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Sun 12-3:15-6:30-10 Mon-Thu 1-4:30-8
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:10-6:15-9
Inglourious Basterds (14A) Fri-Thu 12-2:30-3:30-6:20-7-9:50-10:25
Orphan (14A) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:30-7:25-10:25
A Perfect Getaway (14A) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:20-7:25-10:15
Post Grad (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:40-6:45-9:20
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:50-6:40-9:30
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG) Fri-Thu 12:05-3:30-7:05-10:20
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:40-7:10-10:05
Up (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:25

ELGIN MILLS 10
10909 Yonge St., 905-770-6998

District 9 (14A) Fri 4:20-7:20-9:55 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:20-7:20-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:20-9:55
The Final Destination (STC) No Passes Fri 4:30-7:30-9:50 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:45-4:30-7:30-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:30-7:30-9:50
G-Force (STC) Fri 3:50-6:40 Sat-Sun 1:15-3:50-6:40 Mon-Thu 3:50-

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G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG) Fri 4-6:55-9:30 Sat-Sun 1-4-6:55-9:30 Mon-Thu 4-6:55-9:30
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) Fri-Thu 9:40
Halloween II (18A) Fri 4:45-7:45-10:10 Sat-Sun 2:15-4:45-7:45-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:45-10:10
Inglourious Basterds (14A) No Passes Fri 3:50-7:10:15 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:45-3:50-7:10:15 Mon-Thu 3:50-7:10:15
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri 4:10-7:10-10 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:10-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10-10
Opus Arte: La Traviata (STC) Sat-Sun 11
Post Grad (PG) Fri 3:45-6:50-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:45-6:50-9:15 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:50-9:15
Shorts (PG) No Passes Fri 3:30-6:45-9:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:50-3:30-6:45-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:45-9:10
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri 4:15-7:15-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:15-7:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:15-9:45

FIRST MARKHAM PLACE
3275 Hwy 7 E., 905-474-5101

District 9 (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-4-7-10:10
The Final Destination (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20-9:20
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:45-6:50-9:30
Halloween II (18A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:30-7:10-9:50
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 8:50
Inglourious Basterds (14A) Fri-Thu 2-6:30-10
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:40
Ponyo (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:20-6:10-9:10
Shorts (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-6:20
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:30-6:15-9
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:40-7:30-10:05

INTERCHANGE 30
30 Interchange Way, 905-760-1911

Aliens in the Attic (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-2:55-5:15-7:45-9:55 Mon-Thu 2:55-5:15-7:45-9:55
Angels & Demons (14A) Fri-Sun 12:20-3:20-6:20-9:25 Mon-Thu 3:20-6:20-9:25
Bandslam (PG) Fri-Sun 10:55-1:35-4:05-6:35-9:20 Mon-Wed 4:05-6:35-9:20 Thu 4:05-6:35
Brüno (18A) Fri-Sun 10:55-12:55-2:55-4:55-6:55-9:05 Mon-Wed 2:55-4:55-6:55-9:05 Thu 2:55-4:55-6:55
Drag Me to Hell (14A) Fri-Sun 11:20-2:05-4:40-7:25-9:50 Mon-Thu 2:05-4:40-7:25-9:50
Funny People (14A) Fri-Sun 11:50-3:05-6:15-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:05-6:15-9:20
G-Force (STC) Fri-Sun 11:15-1:35-3:45-6:15-8:30 Mon-Wed 3:45-6:15-8:30 Thu 3:45-6:15
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (STC) Digital Fri-Sun 11:45-2-4:30-7-9:15 Digital Mon-Thu 2-4:30-7-9:15
Ghosts of Girlfriends Past (14A) Fri-Sun 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:10-9:30 Mon-Thu 2:20-4:50-7:10-9:30
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) Fri-Sun 11:15-12:15-1:45-2:45-4:15-5:15-6:45-7:45-9:15-10 Mon-Thu 2:45-4:15-5:15-6:45-7:45-9:15-10
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Sun 11:20-1:55-4:35-7:05-9:25 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:05-9:25
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Sun 11:35-1-2:45-3:45-6-6:45-8:45-9:45 Mon-Thu 2:45-3:45-6-6:45-8:45-9:45
Kaminey (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-3:25-6:25-9:35 Mon-Thu 3:25-6:25-9:35
Love Aaj Kal (PG) Fri-Sun 12:10-3-6:05-9:10 Mon-Thu 3-6:05-9:10
My Sister's Keeper (PG) Fri-Sun 11:30-2:25-5-7:35-10 Mon-Thu 2:25-5-7:35-10
Ponyo (G) Fri-Sun 11:30-2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45
The Proposal (PG) Fri-Sun 11-1-1:50-3:30-4:25-6:05-7:05-8:40-9:40 Mon-Wed 3:30-4:25-6:05-7:05-8:40-9:40 Thu 3:30-4:25-6:05-7:05-9:40
Public Enemies (14A) Fri-Sun 11:55-3:10-6:35-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:10-6:35-9:30
Shorts (PG) Fri-Sun 11-12:05-1:30-2:30-4-5-6:30-7:30-8:45-9:45 Mon-Thu 2:30-4-5-6:30-7:30-8:45-9:45
Star Trek (PG) Fri-Sun 11:05-1:50-4:30-7:10-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:10-9:55
The Taking of Pelham 123 (14A) Fri-Sun 11:55-2:30-4:55-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 2:30-4:55-7:20-9:50
Taking Woodstock (14A) Fri-Sun 11:45-1:15-3-4-6-7-9-10 Mon-Thu 3-4-6-7-9-10
Terminator Salvation (14A) Fri-Sun 11:05-1:40-4:20-6:55-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:20-6:55-9:40
Valentino: The Last Emperor (PG) Fri-Sun 11:35-1:55-4:10-6:40-9:05 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:40-9:05
Year One (14A) Fri-Sun 12:10-2:25-4:50-7:25-9:35 Mon-Thu 2:25-4:50-7:25-9:35

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1 Promenade Circle, 416-494-9371

District 9 (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-6:55-9:25
The Final Destination (STC) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:40-4:45-7-9:30
Inglourious Basterds (14A) Fri-Sun 1-4:30-8:30 Mon 4:30-8:30 Tue-Thu 1-4:30-8:30 Mon 1
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:50-6:40-9:15
Shorts (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-2:50-5-7:10-9:10
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4-6:50-9:20

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18151 Yonge St., 905-953-2792

District 9 (14A) Fri-Thu 1-3:50-7:20-10:30
The Final Destination 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-3-5:20-7:45-10:10
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 2-4:30-6:50-10
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:25-7:30-10:30
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) Fri-Thu 2:10-4:40-7:50-10:15
Halloween II (18A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10-7:10-10:10
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 3-6:20-9:55
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30
Inglourious Basterds (14A) Fri-Thu 2:15-6:30-10
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-6:35-9:50
Post Grad (PG) Fri-Thu 2:20-5:10-8-10:25
Shorts (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:55-7-9:45
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:45-6:40-9:20
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:20-6:45-9:30

SILVERCITY RICHMOND HILL
8771 Yonge St., 905-709-3199

District 9 (14A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:30-7:25-10:15
The Final Destination 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-3-5:20-7:45-10:10
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:25-6:50-9:10
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:30-9:25
Halloween II (18A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:40-10:25
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 2:30-6-9:40
Inglourious Basterds (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-2-3:30-6:20-7-10-10:30
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:10-6:10-9:15
Ponyo (G) Fri-Thu 12-2:40
Post Grad (PG) Fri-Wed 1:20-3:50-7:15-9:45 Thu 3:50-7:15-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Shorts (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:20-6:40-9
Taking Woodstock (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:05-7:05-10:05
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:05-6:45-9:30
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 12:15-7:20-9:50

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District 9 (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-7:10-9:50
The Final Destination 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-2:45-5-7:15-9:45
G-Force (STC) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-6:50-9:20
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-7-9:55
Halloween II (18A) Fri-Thu 1-4-7:30-10:10
Inglourious Basterds (14A) Fri-Thu 2-6:30-10
Shorts (PG) Fri-Wed 1:30-4:20-6:40-9:15 Thu 4:20-6:40-9:15 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:30

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1250 Brant St., 416-646-0444

District 9 (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
The Final Destination (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:45-4:45-7:45-10:45
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15
Halloween II (18A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4:30-8
Inglourious Basterds (14A) Fri-Thu 2-6:30-10
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10
Ponyo (G) Fri-Thu 1:15
Post Grad (PG) Fri-Tue 1-4-7-9:40 Wed 4-7-9:40 Thu 1-4-7-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Shorts (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:05-7:05-9:30
Taking Woodstock (14A) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:15-7:10-10
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:50

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3531 Wyecroft Road, 905 827-7173

District 9 (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:05-7:10-9:55 Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-7:30-10:30
The Final Destination 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:45-2:50-5-7:30-10
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:30-7:05-9:30
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:55-6:50-9:40
Halloween II (18A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:20-10:15
Inglourious Basterds (14A) Fri-Thu 2:30-6:40-10:10 Fri-Thu 2-6:30-10
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:50-6:45-9:45
Post Grad (PG) Fri-Thu 9:20
Shorts (PG) Fri-Tue 1:30-4:10-6:55 Wed 4:10-6:55 Thu 1:30-4:10-6:55 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4-7-9:50 Fri-Thu 1-3:45-7-9:30

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(500) Days of Summer (PG) Fri-Sun 11:35-1:55-4:25-7:40-10 Mon-Thu 1:55-4:25-7:40-10
Bandslam (PG) Fri-Sun 11-1:45-4:30-7:15-10 Mon-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:15-10
District 9 (14A) Fri-Sun 10:45-11:30-12:15-1:30-2:15-3-4:15-5-5:45-7-7:45-8:30-9:45-10:30-11:15 Mon-Thu 12:15-1:30-2:15-3-4:15-5-5:45-7-7:45-8:30-9:45-10:30
Fifty Dead Men Walking (STC) Fri-Sun 10:50-1:50-7:25 Mon-Thu 1:50-7:25
Funny People (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-4-7:15-10:30
G-Force (STC) Fri-Sun 10:55-1:25-4:05-6:30-9 Mon-Thu 1:25-4:05-6:30-9
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (STC) Digital Fri-Sun 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:10-9:45 Digital Mon-Thu 2:15-4:45-7:10-9:45
Halloween II (18A) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 10:30-11:15-12-1:15-2-2:45-4-4:45-5:30-6:45-7:30-8:15-9:30-10:15-11 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 12-1:15-2-2:45-4-4:45-5:30-6:45-7:30-8:15-9:30-10:15
The Hangover (14A) Fri-Sun 11:40-2:25-4:50-7:25-9:55 Mon-Thu 2:25-4:50-7:25-9:55
Kaminey (PG) Sub-Titled Fri-Sun 10:30-1:30-4:30-7:35-10:35 Sub-Titled Mon-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:35-10:35
Orphan (14A) Fri-Mon 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:15 Tue-Wed 7:10-10:15 Thu 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:15
A Perfect Getaway (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:40-5-7:20-9:40
Ponyo (G) Fri-Sun 11:35-2:05-4:35-7:05-9:35 Mon-Thu 2:05-4:35-7:05-9:35
Post Grad (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 10:35-12:50-3:05-5:30-7:50-10:10 Mon-Thu 12:50-3:05-5:30-7:50-10:10
The Proposal (PG) Fri-Sun 11:20-2:05-4:50-7:35-10:20 Mon-Thu 2:05-4:50-7:35-10:20
Public Enemies (14A) Tue-Wed 12:55-4:10
Shorts (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:40-12:25-2-2:45-4:20-5:05-6:45-7:30-9:05-9:50 Mon-Thu 12:25-2-2:45-4:20-5:05-6:45-7:30-9:05-9:50
The Taking of Pelham 123 (14A) Fri-Thu 4:40-10:10
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-4-7:15-10:35
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Sun 11:45-2:50-5:10-7:40-10:20 Mon-Thu 12-2:50-5:10-7:40-10:20

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Music

Ready to rock again

Virgin Festival brings 33 acts to Molson Amphitheatre

KEITH CARMAN
for Metro Canada

"We're passionate about music," admits Virgin Mobile Canada Chief Marketing Officer/festival organizer Nathan Rosenberg while discussing Virgin Festival Ontario. "You can't help but love music if you work here."

Celebrating its fourth year in Toronto, the two-day concert/attractions event running at The Molson Amphitheatre this Saturday and Sunday has come a long way from its modest roots as a one-off engagement some 13 years ago.

Back then, Pulp frontman Jarvis Cocker and Virgin mogul Richard Branson brainstormed the idea to "play in a field," as Rosenberg notes. It went so well that what was once a one-day music event has blossomed into an annual multi-continental extravaganza with dates in Calgary, Vancouver and Hogtown for Canada alone.

Featuring 33 acts over the course of two days, each day begins with up-and-coming talent, culminating with fan favourites and scene stalwarts such as Ben Harper And Relentless7, Franz Ferdinand, The Pixies and Sloan on Saturday and Nine Inch Nails, Our Lady Peace, N.E.R.D. and The Pet Shop Boys on Sunday

"The diversity of talent gives people a chance to see acts they might not otherwise check out and it provides acts a chance to play for crowds they might not otherwise have the opportunity to get in front of. At that, I believe this year is our most eclectic lineup at a Virgin Festival ever," Rosenberg beams, venturing to note that the gala continues its tradition of offering music as a core draw but provides a wide range of alternative diversions that provide a reprieve from the music when necessary.

"This year, we've truly solidified the attractions. There are international food options, pole dancing lessons, piercing booths, massages, henna tattoos, video game stations, an art installation and other entertainment and shopping opportunities for guests," he notes.

"Love music as much as people do, sometimes they wanna chill; get away to something fun but quieter. Overall, with both experiences combined, you see how much people love what's going on and how the experience lasts them a lifetime. It's quite wonderful; a fest-ravaganza."

Still, despite being the primary hand in crafting this year's Virgin Festival Ontario, even Rosenberg has his unforgettable moments; is excited to switch hats from organizer to devout music fan. He jests that while there are many logistics behind ensuring the jubilee is a seamless production, there are still a few strings pulled here and there for purely personal reasons.

"There are some bands we go after (to feature on the festival) because they're personal favourites; because we love them so much. The Pixies are certainly one of them, as are The Pet Shop Boys. We call them our 'passion picks.' I've never seen the Pet Shop Boys," he gushes. "I'm quite excited."

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Nine Inch Nails (frontman Trent Reznor, above) headline the Virgin Festival on Sunday.

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EMI MUSIC

Ben Harper & Relentless7 play the Virgin Festival on Saturday.

Lies and Dark Times

KAREN BLISS
for Metro Canada

Ben Harper trusted his instincts when it came to dissolving his band of 10 years, the Innocent Criminals, and forming a new one, Relentless7. The decision paid off. Their debut disc, White Lies For Dark Times, is a heavier soul-infused rock album that he says needs to be turned up "a notch and a half more" than you usually listen to music.

"This was nothing contrived, nothing predetermined, on any level, which is the best part, and we're still going, 'This is happening to us?' We're so thankful and appreciative," says Harper.

Ben Harper and Relentless7 — Harper, guitarist Jason Mozersky, drummer Jordan Richardson and bassist Jesse Ingalls — bring their uncontrived rock to the Molson Amphitheatre this Saturday as part of the Virgin Festival. "I'm having the time of my life musically, there's no doubt about it," says Harper.

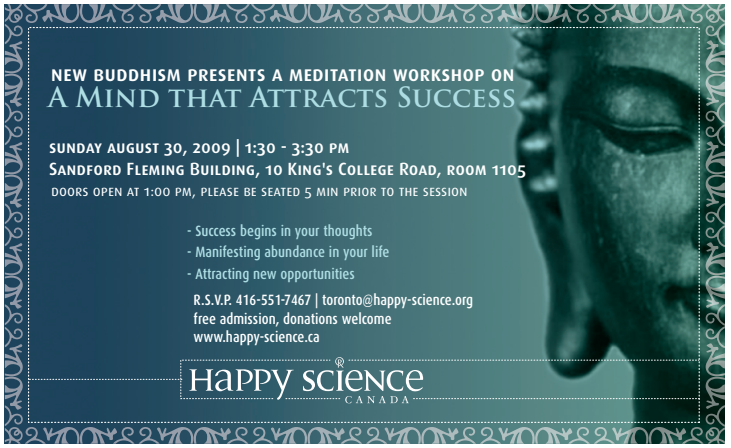
As dedicated as he is to this new band, because he's the one signed to Virgin Records, contractually he had to go by the full name Ben Harper and Relentless7, he says. "I'd prefer it to be Relentless7, but I don't pout about things like that. I've got another couple of records (to do) with Virgin and maybe at that point we'll just shift it to Relentless7."

In the meantime, he can't say enough about his bandmates, Harper has been friends with Mozersky since helping his then-band Wan Santo Condo land a record deal in the late '90s. Years later, Harper invited him to play guitar on Please Don't Talk About Murder While I'm Eating for his 2006 double album, Both Sides of the Gun. Mozersky told him about Richardson and Ingalls, and Harper was intrigued enough to get them in the studio too to play on Serve Your Soul.

"It was such a defining musical moment for me that I knew I had to revisit that chemistry at some point," says Harper. "I toured with the Innocent Criminals for Both Sides of the Gun, and made and toured (2007's) Lifeline, but I always knew I needed to get back in a room with these guys to see if it was what I thought it was."

And what it was helped shape White Lies For Dark Times.

"They're from Texas and they're young, so they appreciate indie rock, and they appreciate blues and country and all the things that make Texas Texas from Bob Wills and His Texas Playboys to Lightnin Hopkins, Stevie Ray Vaughan and Double Trouble," says Harper. "So they've got all that, but they're also very experimental with tones and sounds and textures."



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Coeur de pirate performs Sunday at the Virgin Festival.

Coeur de pirate's universal appeal

CAM LINDSAY
for Metro Canada

Stereotypes can be hard to overcome, especially in the music business. So, we see a 19-year-old woman covered in tattoos and expect her to strap on a guitar and start sneering, like any true punk.

"I really hope [audiences] do get the wrong idea," Béatrice Martin says, smiling. "I wish I was in a punk band, but, fortunately or unfortunately it isn't the case."

In Martin's case, it's fortunate. Though she's heavily painted, her music couldn't be any further from what people might think upon first glance. Using the name Coeur de pirate, Martin writes piano-driven chanson française in a classic, romantic style akin to legendary Parisian crooner Jacques Brel.

But Coeur de pirate is far from old hat. A classically trained pianist, Martin has the songwriting chops to compete with stars like Adele and Feist, and a self-titled album brimming with teenage angst.

"(The album) is breaking up with myself as a teenager," she says. "It's breaking up with whatever's left of the negativity I had to go through at the time.

"Those songs represent different stories, fragments from my teenage years, boys pissing me off, nothing more really... whatever counts when you're 15, I guess."

These songs have made her a sensation of sorts. Photographer Francis Vachon used Ensemble for a time-lapse video of his baby playing that became a YouTube hit and got mentions on Good Morning America and Perez Hilton.

They've also earned her a Juno nomination, as well as spots on the Polaris Music Prize long list and this weekend's Virgin Festival Ontario line up.

Being a francophone artist has not proven to be a problem for the Quebec-based singer-songwriter, who has taken her music all over the world in the last year.

"I've had amazing experiences so far," she says. "I feel like people really appreciate what I do, even if sometimes they don't fully understand what I say. And that's magic to me."

While her schedule does focus a lot on Quebec and France, which are the obvious primary markets for her music, Martin says Coeur de pirate has universal appeal. "Like anywhere in the world, there's no guaranteed success anywhere," she says. "I think if people elsewhere like French music, they'll hear about me somehow. I've sold CDs elsewhere, and I'll play shows eventually as Coeur de pirate in countries where French doesn't exist. I'm actually beyond excited to do so."

Big & Rich raise money for sons of Big Valley stage collapse victim

CHARITY

Country band Big & Rich has stepped up to help the family of a woman killed during a wind storm at this summer's Big Valley Jamboree.

The band donated $10 from each ticket sold from their Edmonton show on Tuesday to the trust fund set up for Donna Moore's two boys.

In all, the concert raised $55,000.

Moore, 35, of Lloydminster, was sitting on bleachers connected to the stage in Camrose, Alta., when a massive wind gust toppled the structure and killed her.

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4 Boom Boom Pow Black Eyed Peas
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Eddie Vedder looks awfully relaxed for someone who's just been told that the lead singer of the opening act didn't make it across the border. Instead of making the crowd wait, Pearl Jam has decided to quickly pull together an acoustic set. Pearl Jam will open for themselves tonight.

Up on the second floor of the venue, we can hear songs like Alive and Corduroy blaring from cars in the parking lot. He pays this no notice. A decade ago, Eddie had a rep as an introverted loner, someone whose relationship with fame was complicated. Today, though, he's about as outgoing and congenial as a human can be.

"We've been through enough with this band that this could be one of the better times," he says, "It was well earned. And I guess that's why you want to keep it together because this is the good stuff."

I mention that Pearl Jam is one of the few surviving bands from the original Seattle days.

"A lot of the musicians, they still play. We definitely lost a few. You think, 'Wow, it must be hard to keep a band together.' It hasn't been easy for us. But if it can't be easy to be in a rock band, what's the point of life?"

Due on Sept. 20, the new Pearl Jam album is called Backspacer, a word that's been floating around the Pearl Jam world for a while. Fans first heard it when Pearl Jam sponsored a leatherback turtle race. National Geographic tagged a series of turtles with GPS devices to see which one reached their winter homes in the southern Caribbean first. Pearl Jam's turtle smoked 'em all.

So what came first? The album or the turtle?

"The typewriter key," he says, lighting up another smoke. "I was doing a bit of sculpture with typewriter keys, making a mosaic. And as I was putting these words together, I realized that I had written 'The Who.' Great! And then I wrote the name of our band and it looked really great. And then I saw a key that said 'backspacer.' And that key must have come off a typewriter from the late '20s."

"We don't have 'backspace' keys anymore," I point out. "We have 'delete' keys."

Eddie laughs. "Yes, but backspace keys mean you have to go back and look at your mistakes."

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More Vedder

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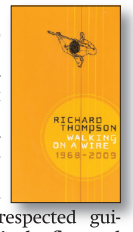
Richard Thompson

Album: Walking on a Wire, 1968-2009
Label: Shout Factory
Rating: ●●●●



THERE'S AN AWFUL lot to like in this four-disc, 71-track box set spanning the four-decade career of one of rock music's most respected guitarists. But it's the first and last discs in this box that impress the most. That says a great deal about Thompson. It says that his career now is as impelling and creative now as it was in 1968. You're going to have a tough time finding another artist of which that can be said. The box, priced at about $66, spans 34 albums, arranged in chronological order from his days with folk-rock pioneers Fairport Convention to his 2009 masterpiece Sweet Warrior. Rolling Stone once described Thompson as the "quintessential cult artist" (loose translation: genius without a hit). This box-set offers cult members a chance to replace wornout vinyl without having to negotiate a bank loan and easy way for the uninitiated to get immersed in a remarkable body of work.

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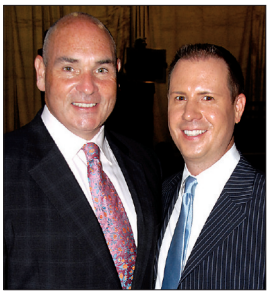

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LEFT: CITY CADILLAC Cadillac supermodel Robin Buss.

RIGHT: CITY CADILLAC Interior designer guru Glen Peloso.

CAR ENTHUSIASTS and fragrance lovers mixed and mingled to live music, fast shifting cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at CITY Cadillac's launch of Cadillac, the new men's fragrance. The evening also marked Cadillac's 100th anniversary in the General Motors family. Meanwhile, across town magicians, mentalists and jugglers were up to their old tricks at the First-Ever Scotiabank BuskerBall in the heart of the St. Lawrence Market. The Epilepsy Toronto fundraiser had guests working both the auction and food tables. However, it was the eye-popping balloon fashion show that wowed the evening's patrons. The international street performer's festival continues today and this weekend.

Starve a vampire — donate blood, CW encourages

The CW is kicking off its new Vampire Diaries series with a very fitting marketing campaign — a blood drive. The "Starve a Vampire. Donate Blood" initiative will hit more than 230 high schools and college campuses METRO NEWS SERVICES

Television

A gay ol' time in Paradise Falls

'Quirky' Canadian soap's third season set to air on Showtime

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Canada

Paradise Falls is going gay — more gay — proudly promoting its third season on Showcase as "the gayest CanCon on TV."

"That's hilarious. That's funny. I hadn't heard that," says series regular Salvatore Antonio, who plays gay B&B owner Sasha on the prime time soap.

"But that is one true statement. The show is kind of like Twin Peaks meets Desperate Housewives meets Queer as Folk. It's one quirky show."

Quirky is a good word to describe Paradise Falls. Long before the conniving cougars arrived on Wisteria Lane, Paradise Falls was offering up a heavy dose of cottage-country bad behavior — all done with a sly wink.

"I think what sets it apart from the usual soap is that it doesn't take itself seriously," says Antonio, who joined the show in its second season.

"It has humour but it also deals with serious issues. But yeah, we are taking the piss out of a lot of stuff."

Paradise Falls, now entering its third season, has "become much more gay as we've gone along," says series co-creator and writer Paula Smith.

Not surprisingly, Paradise Falls hasn't had a typical broadcast life on TV either. Though this is its third season, the show first aired in 2000. This season was in fact filmed in 2007, and has already aired in the U.S. on the specialty network Here-TV.

Co-creator/writer Paula Smith says the sporadic broadcast history has proven a creative plus for the show.

"It's allowed us the time in between to regroup and reinvent the show," she says. "I think a lot of journalists who didn't like the show in the beginning might be surprised we're still around 104 episodes later."

Paradise Falls returns for its third season Sept. 2 on Showcase.

Smith says the increase in gay characters and storylines came about gradually and is, in part, an acknowledgement of its audience at the gay-oriented Here-TV.

"I think when we first began it was more like 10 per cent of the show, but we've become much more gay as we've gone along," she says. "But it's still the same show. We're still taking the soap opera conventions and turning them on their ear. "

That includes a third season opener featuring a gay wedding that threatens to turn into a ménage-a-trois before the honeymoon is even over. "Without giving too much away — it's a long wedding night," laughs Antonio.

In brief

OCTOMOM A California appeals court has ruled that octuplets mom Nadya Suleman will not face an investigation by Child Protective Services. Suleman's attorney Jeff Czech says the Fourth District Court of Appeal ruled Wednesday to halt the investigation that was ordered by an Orange County Superior Court probate judge. The appeals court also ruled earlier this month that Suleman would not have to have a court-appointed guardian to oversee her children's finances. Paul Peterson, an advocate for the fair treatment of children in show business, had filed a petition requesting the appointment of an independent guardian.

TV A guitarist from Baltimore, three singing sisters from Seattle, a percussive quartet from New Hampshire, a soprano singer from Houston and a pint-sized dance duo from Everett, Wash., have claimed the last five semifinal spots on America's Got Talent. Seven more acts were dismissed from the NBC talent show Wednesday as the semifinal slate of 20 acts was sealed. Viewers selected the top four favourites via phone, email and text message votes, while judges Piers Morgan, Sharon Osbourne and David Hasselhoff picked the fifth. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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CNN's Cooper pulls no punches on Montag's pageant performance

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Snake goes to Hollywood

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for Metro Canada

Silent Bob spoke and Snake got the job.

So says Degrassi High director/producer Stefan Brogren, who claims he was pegged to helm the latest Degrassi TV movie after a recommendation from director Kevin Smith of Jay and Silent Bob fame.

"We were talking to Kevin about making a guest appearance and he was asked who he might like to work with. And he said why not Brogren?" says Stefan, who is the midst of working on the new season of Degrassi.

"I guess the conversation had happened before. Still, it was a bit daunting."

But not surprising. For Brogren is old school Degrassi. Not only is he instantly recognizable as "Snake" Simpson from the original Degrassi High series (or "Mr. Simpson" as he's known on the current version), he now works behind the camera as episode director and producer.

Paradise City: Degrassi Goes Hollywood airs Sunday night on CTV.

Still, this movie of the week is a Degrassi with a difference. It's a two hour movie special, set in Hollywood, with an ambitious plot and plenty of music and celebrity guest stars (including Smith and Jason Mewes as themselves, Vivica A. Fox, and Perez Hilton). Think Degrassi 90210.

"It's definitely got a bigger scope and a different vibe. It's more a Degrassi fairy tale," says Brogren. "The trick was to go with the different vibe but somehow maintain what makes Degrassi so great."

In the story, the Degrassi kids head on a road trip to Hollywood in pursuit of fame and fortune. There they meet up with Degrassi grad Paige (Lauren Collins), who has just jumped from the role of lowly personal assistant to movie star.

"It's sort of a typical Paige story," says Collins, who spent six years on the show.

"She wants to try something new and heads off to LA. But then she gets into trouble because she lies to everyone at Degrassi about what she's doing."

Collins, who now splits her time between Toronto and Montreal, says the TV movie has generated a lot of interest in the Canadian media —something that hasn't always been the case.

"I think the fact we stepped it up a bit with all the stars and the music and the setting. But in the U.S., we always get a lot of press."

Lauren Collins as Paige and Adamo Ruggiero as Marco in the upcoming Degrassi movie Paradise City: Degrassi Goes Hollywood.

FRIDAY

TO	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
8/28/09 primetime	265	353	2 TVO	Joanna Lumley-Northern		OAC 40th Anniversary		Heartbeat		Allan Gregg	Film 101	OAC 40th
	211	331	3 GTV	ET Canada	Entertainment	The Unit		Mental		NUMB3RS "Tabu" (N)		News
	215	343	4 OMN1	Two Men	Simpsons	Omni News: Italian Edition		Vivere Il	Omni News:	Simpsons	King of Hill	Metropia
	210	302	6 CBC	Coronatn	Jeopardy!	Ron James-West Coast		Wild Roses (DVS)		CBC News: The National (N)		The Hour
	214	344	7 CITY	Law & Order: SVU		Man Tracker (DVS)		Ugly Betty		Out There	Out There	News
	212	313	8 CTV	etalk	Hollywood	Ghost Whisperer		Without a Trace		Defying Gravity (N)		CTV News
	218	345	11 E!	The Insider	E News	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		Comedians	Comedians	20/20 (HDV)		News/Eleven
	-	387	16 CBS	Inside Edition	Hollywood	NFL Preseason Football New England Patriots at Washington Redskins.						News 4 at 11
	-	385	17 NBC	The Insider	Entertainment	Southland (HDTV PA)		Dateline NBC				News
	-	386	18 ABC	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Supernanny		Ugly Betty		20/20 (HDTV)		News
	219	346	20 ACH-B	The Road to Avonlea		Supernanny		Monk		Stargate Atlantis "Michael"		A News
	-	-	28 FOX	Judge Judy	Two Men	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?				Seinfeld	Two Men	Simpsons
	-	388	61 PBS	News-Lehrer	Summer Wine	*Six Degrees of Separation* ★★★ (1993, Drama)				In the Life	Wash. Week	Business Rpt.
cable news	500	500	33 CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)		
sports	405	417	22 net	MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park in Boston.						Sportsnet Connected		Sportsnet
	400	400	30 TSN	CFL Pregame	CFL Football Calgary Stampeders at Toronto Argonauts. (HDTV) (Live)						SportsCentre	
family	551	542	25 YTV	*A Cinderella Story* ★★ (2004, Romance-Comedy)				Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Family Biz	Adrenaline	Mystery Hnt.
	554	544	45 TEL	Batman	Spider-Man	Wolverine	Justice	Futurama		*Batman & Mr. Freeze: SubZero* ★★		*Batman*
	556	540	51 FAM	Wizards	Wizards	*Wizards of Waverly Place The Movie* (2009)				(9:52) *Spymate* (2003, Comedy)		
cable variety	615	520	31 A&E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal
	575	583	38 CMT	Cross Canada Countdown (N)				Due South		*And the Beat Goes On: Sonny & Cher*		
	616	521	39 SHO	The Outer Limits		The Best Years		Kenny	Kenny	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Webdreams
	294	529	47 TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	House-Payne	House-Payne	*Minority Report* ★★★ (2002, Science Fiction) Tom Cruise.				
	581	566	52 MTV	Play'd	MTV News	Made "Pop Singer"		The Real World		True Love	The X Effect	Cribs
	603	561	56 FOOD	Chef at Home	Fresh-Anna	Thirsty	Thirsty	Bobby Flay	Chef Abroad	Diners	Diners	Ramsay
	300	601	301 M1	*Made*	(7:25) *Affinity* (2008, Drama)			*Vicky Cristina Barcelona* (2008, Comedy-Drama)				*Donkey*

SATURDAY

TO	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
8/29/09 primetime	265	353	2 TVO	National Geographic		*If...* ★★★★ (1968, Drama) Malcolm McDowell.				(10:10) *Elephant* (2003, Drama)		
	211	331	3 GTV	Doc "Welcome to NY"		The Unit		Doc "Welcome to NY"		Doc		News Final
	215	343	4 OMN1	Na Luzie		Svitohliad	Dusha i Tilo	Russian Waves		Sinking the Gustloff		MADtv
	210	302	6 CBC	The Nature of Things		Dragon's Den		Da Vinci's City Hall		Intelligence (DVS)		*Bend It Like*
	214	344	7 CITY	Less-Kind	NFL Preseason Football Buffalo Bills at Pittsburgh Steelers. From Heinz Field in Pittsburgh.							News
	212	313	8 CTV	W-FIVE Presents: Gridlock		*Flightplan* ★★ (2005, Suspense) Jodie Foster.				Law & Order: SVU		CTV News
	218	345	11 E!	Out There	E News	Beat-Nation	Beat-Nation	*Obituary* (2006, Suspense) Josie Bissett.				News/Eleven
	-	387	16 CBS	Paid Program	Paid Program	NFL Preseason Football San Diego Chargers at Atlanta Falcons. (HDTV) (Live)						News 4 at 11
	-	385	17 NBC	Paid Program	Primetime	Law Order: CI		WrestleMania		Law & Order: SVU		News
	-	386	18 ABC	Pre Game	NFL Preseason Football Buffalo Bills at Pittsburgh Steelers. From Heinz Field in Pittsburgh. (Live)							News
	219	346	20 ACH-B	The Road to Avonlea		*Man in the Mirror: The Michael Jackson Story*				Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	A News
	-	-	28 FOX	Fresh Prince	Paid Program	Cops	Cops	America's Most Wanted		Simpsons	Simpsons	MADtv
	-	388	61 PBS	All Creatures Great & Small		Lark Rise to Candleford		Sherlock Holmes		Poirot (Part 1 of 2)		Masterpiece
cable news	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		CNN Presents		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Presents
sports	405	417	22 net	MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park in Boston.						Sportsnet	Sportsnet	Poker
	400	400	30 TSN	CFL Football Hamilton Tiger-Cats at Edmonton Eskimos. (HDTV) (Live)						SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)		
family	551	542	25 YTV	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Survive This	Adrenaline	In Real Life		Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Mystery Hnt.
	554	544	45 TEL	*Re-Animated* (2006, Fantasy) Dominic Janes.				Futurama	Chicken	Clone High	Rick & Steve	Moral Orel
	556	540	51 FAM	Suite Life	Zoey 101	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	*Dennis the Menace* (1993, Comedy)			(10:35) *Snow Dogs*	
cable variety	615	520	31 A&E	*Edward Scissorhands*		*My Cousin Vinny* ★★★ (1992, Comedy) Joe Pesci.					Simmons	Simmons
	575	583	38 CMT	Little Big Town Live		Sugarland: Live		Tuckerville	Tuckerville	Tuckerville	Tuckerville	Tuckerville
	616	521	39 SHO	(6) *Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde*		*Thrill of the Kill* (2006, Suspense) Shiri Appleby.				*Resident Evil: Apocalypse* (2004)		
	294	529	47 TBS	House-Payne	House-Payne	*Minority Report* ★★★ (2002, Science Fiction) Tom Cruise, Colin Farrell.						*Star Trek*
	581	566	52 MTV	Cribs	Cribs	After	MTV Live	MTV News	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs
	603	561	56 FOOD	Grill It-Flay	Chef Abroad	Ramsay's Kitchen		Next Food Star		Kitchen Nightmares		Heli's Kitchen
	300	601	301 M1	*The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor* (2008)				*The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor* (2008)				*While She*

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8/30/09 primetime	265	353	2 TVO	Hurricanes		Strait Through the Ice		*Longford* (2006, Docudrama)			The View From Here	
	211	331	3 GTV	Simpsons	Amer Dad	(8:01) Big Brother 11 (N)		Family Guy	Amer Dad	Simpsons	Family Guy	News
	215	343	4 OMN1	Cartoline Storia Festival		Port		Neighborhood		Metropia	Metropia	Corpo E Alma
	210	302	6 CBC	Heartland (DVS)		*National Treasure* ★★ (2004, Adventure)				(10:10) *National Treasure*		Doctor Who
	214	344	7 CITY	TO Show	Less-Kind	Murdoch Mysteries (HDTV)		*Touch of Pink* ★★★ (2004, Romance-Comedy)				News
	212	313	8 CTV	Corner Gas	Big Bang Th	*Paradise City: Degrassi Goes Hollywood* (DVS)				(9:59) Cold Case		CTV News
	218	345	11 E!	Tube Tales	Tube Tales	Extreme Makeover: Home		*A Job to Kill For* (2006, Suspense) Sean Young.				News/Eleven
	-	387	16 CBS	60 Minutes (HDTV)		(8:01) Big Brother 11 (N)		Neighborhood		(9:59) Cold Case		News 4 at 11
	-	385	17 NBC	Dateline NBC (N)		NFL Preseason Football Chicago Bears at Denver Broncos. (HDTV) (Live)						News
	-	386	18 ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Shark Tank (N)		Defying Gravity (N)		News
	219	346	20 ACH-B	Funniest Home Videos		Monk		Monk		Monk		A News
	-	-	28 FOX	'Til Death	Amer Dad	Simpsons	Simpsons	Family Guy	Amer Dad	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cold Case
	-	388	61 PBS	The Lawrence Welk Show		Nature (HDTV) (DVS)		Masterpiece Mystery! (DVS)			About Ben	P.O.V.
cable news	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Union
sports	405	417	22 net	The Pen	Baseball	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Philadelphia Phillies. (HDTV) (Live)						Sportsnet
	400	400	30 TSN	WEC WrekCage (N)		NFL Preseason Football Chicago Bears at Denver Broncos. (HDTV) (Live)						SportsCentre
family	551	542	25 YTV	(6) *Over the Hedge*		Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	In Real Life		Adrenaline	Survive This	Mystery Hnt.
	554	544	45 TEL	Stoked (N)	Totally Spies	6TEEN	6TEEN	Futurama	Punch	Life's a Zoo	Life's a Zoo	Rick & Steve
	556	540	51 FAM	Suite Life	Zoey 101	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	*Little Big League* ★★ (1994, Comedy)				*Bridges*
cable variety	615	520	31 A&E	CSI: Miami "All In"		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal
	575	583	38 CMT	Cross Canada Countdown				Keith Urban: Invitation Only		Emerson Drive		Chesney
	616	521	39 SHO	The Guard (HDTV)		*Temptation* ★ (2003, Comedy) Annette O'Toole.				Rescue Me "Zippo"		The Guard
	294	529	47 TBS	*Minority Report* ★★★ (2002, Science Fiction) Tom Cruise, Colin Farrell.						*Minority Report* ★★★ (2002)		
	581	566	52 MTV	Made "Pop Singer"		Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	After
	603	561	56 FOOD	Challenge		I Do Eat	I Do Eat	Iron Chef America		Dinner: Impossible		Restaurant
	300	601	301 M1	*Enchanted* ★★★ (2007, Fantasy) Amy Adams.				*Sex and the City* ★★★ (2008, Romance-Comedy), Kim Cattrall				

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Heathers on TV

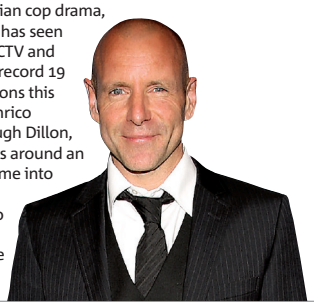
With a Heathers movie sequel definitely in the works, more Heathers is on the way, in the form of a TV series jointly produced by Fox, Sony, and Lakeshore Entertainment, reports Variety. EMPIREONLINE.COM

Going Out

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Flashpoint

TV Look at what American success can do. The Canadian cop drama, which has seen good ratings on CTV and CBS, picked up a record 19 Gemini nominations this week. Starring Enrico Colantoni and Hugh Dillon, the show revolves around an elite unit who come into play when crime situations get too hot to handle for the regular police force.



2 Humbug: Arctic Monkeys

ALBUM The Fluorescent Adolescents who became a sensation when their debut record became the fastest selling British album of all time are now brooding 20-somethings, and their third outing reflects that growing cynicism. Thankfully, singer Alex Turner's a genuine rock poet, recording all kinds of human nuances in their songs, as evident from standout tracks Crying Lightning and Cornerstone.

3 Taking Woodstock

FILM Brokeback Mountain director Ang Lee returns to his comic roots with this light-hearted take on the counter-culture phenomenon, which incidentally turned 40 this year. The music takes a backseat as the film focuses on the quaint people who played host to the world's greatest three-day party.

4 State of Play

DVD Starring Russell Crowe and Rachel McAdams as hard-boiled reporters, the film remake of the acclaimed British TV series makes a strong case against dwindling newsrooms. The lead pair tries to piece together the puzzle behind a woman's apparent suicide and opens up a whole new can of political worms. As taut as a thriller gets.

5 Snow Leopard

SOFTWARE Watch out Windows 7, the cat's on the prowl. The latest version of the Mac operating system ships out today and techies are getting ready for a showdown with Microsoft's upcoming follow-up to Vista. This time, Apple has its work cut out though as there has been a lot of positive press about Windows 7 in the last few months.

6 Jiminy Glick meets Ronald McDonald

VIDEO What happens when a demented Ronald McDonald sits down with one of television's strangest interviewers? The viewers of Will Ferrell's FunnyorDie.com site are finding out, thanks to a bizarre PETA video featuring Martin Short as his Jiminy Glick character grilling a "fried" Ronald McDonald (Andy Dick) about the fast food company's slaughter practices.

7 Oshawa

CITY This week, the little town outside Toronto got plenty of love – sealed with a Kiss. Front man Gene Simmons confirmed that his band will visit Oshawa after all for a fall show.

Mix of Six

Fake Prom

When: Friday, 9:30 p.m.
Where: Palais Royale, 1601 Lakeshore Blvd. W.

This event is a dance that looks and feels like a high school prom, but is actually for adults. Music provided by Dougie Boom, Dave LaMerde and The Best. Tickets are $15 in advance. Visit fakeprom.com.

Dave Thomas at FanExpo

When: Saturday, 3 p.m., Sunday, 1 p.m.
Where: Toronto Convention Centre, South Building

Canadian comedy legend Dave Thomas will meet and greet fans and discuss his current animated project, Bob and Doug. Visit hobbystar.com/fanexpo.

Squiggfest 2009

When: Friday and Saturday, 9:30 p.m.
Where: Bread and Circus, 299 Augusta Ave.

Cutting-edge underground festival Squiggfest combines theatre, dance, musicians, DJs, and comedy — to name a few — from all backgrounds and specialties. Admission is $5. Visit torontounderground.ca.

Elvis Costello and The Sugarcanes

When: Friday, 8 p.m.
Where: Massey Hall

Time Magazine honours him as one of the 100 greatest artists of all time. Tickets to see the prolific and eclectic artist start at $50. Visit ticketmaster.ca.

The Jonas Brothers

When: Sunday
Where: Rogers Centre

The trio of pop-culture phenoms are sure to rev up the family-friendly crowd with their many hits. Visit jonasbrothers.com.

Fundraising

The Girls Night In event is a fundraiser sponsored by the Canadian Cancer Society. The premise is for women to host get-together's at their houses and have their friends donate what they'd usually spend on a night out. Visit girlsnightinforcancer.ca.

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New reality show for Kim
Kim Kardashian is creating and executive producing a reality TV show about public relations, she tells People Magazine. The proposed series follows Kardashian's pals, PR gurus Jonathan Cheban and Simon Huck. **PEOPLE.COM**

Munro's latest covers violence, Victorian Europe

Book **review**

Too Much Happiness, the title of Alice Munro's new book of stories, is certainly not a problem for most of the characters in these 10 disturbing and mesmerizing tales.

No Happiness Whatsoever would have been more accurate, if less ironic.

A man kills his three children because he thinks his wife is talking to a friend about their marriage.

Two young girls drown a third because she stares at them.

A woman is terrified by a psychotic murderer who gets into her house by posing as an electrician.

While on a family picnic, a young boy falls down a deep pit and the experience ruins his life.

Munro, once described by the Atlantic Monthly as "the living writer most likely to be read in a hundred years," is still writing about small-town, southern Ontario life, but this is a much darker collection than earlier works.

Don't let the gloom turn you off. The stories in her 15th book are as page-turning as any top mystery novel, with the added bonus of being written in Munro's pristine, precise style.

In her acceptance speech for the Man Booker International Prize in 2008, Munro said she was not looking for happy endings.

"Meaning is what you're after, resonance, some strange beauty."

That is a perfect description of Too Much Happiness.

The stories contain shocking twists presented in her straight-ahead fashion. Her narrators are often looking back on a key moment in their lives — not surprising, perhaps, given Munro now is in her late 70s.

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Alice Munro's new book of stories is called Too Much Happiness.

"I am amazed sometimes to think how old I am," the story Some Women begins.

From there, the narrator tells about the summer she was 13 and working as an aide to a man dying of leukemia. She is drawn into a situation that she later "had to shake off like shivers down my spine."

But in Munro's unsentimental style, the story ends: "I grew up, and old."

The title story, Too Much Happiness, is a fictionalized account of the life of Sophia Kovalevsky, a 19th-century novelist and mathematician, set in various European countries. In the acknowledgments, Munro says she accidentally encountered Kovalevsky's story while researching something else and was immediately enthralled.

The story, the longest in the collection, is set far from the Ontario countryside but features the same attention to detail and foreboding narrative.

Her vivid description of Sophia's train ride from Paris to Stockholm reads like Munro had personal knowledge of such a journey, written with as much authority as her descriptions of daily life in and around Huron County, where she was born and now lives. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Festival unveils list of films up for grabs

TIFF The recession's impact on next month's Toronto International Film Festival remains to be seen, but movies from top-drawer directors including Atom Egoyan and Neil Jordan are still up for grabs.

Festival organizers have unveiled a list of dozens of films that have yet to secure distribution deals going into the movie marathon that kicks off Sept. 10.

Among them is Chloe, a sexual thriller helmed by Toronto's Egoyan and starring Hollywood heavyweights Liam Neeson and Julianne Moore.

E1 Entertainment Canada announced last week it has acquired the Canadian distribution rights to the film, which will have its world premiere at the festival.

Also on the market is the mermaid fairy tale Ondine, directed by Oscar-winner Jordan with topliner Colin Farrell playing a fisherman.

The Charles Darwin biopic Creation is also seeking distribution.

So is Love and Other Impossible Pursuits, starring Natalie Portman as a newlywed grieving the loss of her newborn.

Buyers can also still bid on The Joneses, in which Demi Moore and David Duchovny portray a seemingly perfect couple with a secret.

Then there's Dorian Gray, starring Colin Firth and based on the Oscar Wilde novel, and the documentary Hugh Hefner: Playboy, Activist and Rebel from Brigitte Berman.

Over 3,000 industry professionals are expected to attend the festival, which runs through Sept. 19.

The festival has a designated sales and industry office to facilitate movie purchases and foster relationships between buyers, agents and moviemakers.

Last year, The Wrestler starring Mickey Rourke was picked up for U.S. distribution at the Toronto festival and went on to nab two Oscar nominations. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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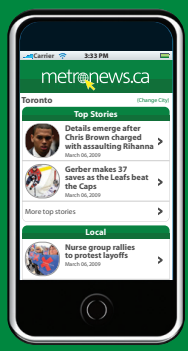

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One-man show to premiere

Folk singer Theodore Bikel will premiere a one-man show on the life of Yiddish writer Sholom Aleichem as part of the Harold Green Jewish Theatre Company's 2009-10 season. The show runs at the Winter Garden Theatre from Oct. 13 to 18. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

5 unsung heroes in Jersey Boys

VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Jersey Boys team members, from left: Cindy Toushan, Elizabeth Baird, Michael Lomenda, Grant Tilly and Élodie Gillett.

Let's hear it for the guys and gals behind the Boys. This week marks the first anniversary of the hit Dancap production of Jersey Boys, which is still packing them in at the Toronto Centre for the Arts.

Here's a look at five people who usually exist on the periphery of an audience member's awareness.

1 CINDY TOUSHAN: Her official title is production stage manager, but anyone who knows their way around musicals would call this Stratford Festival veteran "the boss."

On a day-to-day basis, she's the person who keeps the show running smoothly, seeing to it that all the lighting, scenery, props, costumes and even actors are in the right place at the right time.

"From a calling point of view, it's one of the biggest shows I've ever done," she says. "Probably 1,200 separate cues. There are sequences so fast that I can't even speak all the words on time."

Despite the heavy workload, Toushan sounds a refrain echoed by other company members: "This is a pleasure to do because everyone is so fantastic."

2 MIKE LOMENDA: The strong, silent Lomenda has the unenviable task of playing Nick Massi, the least charismatic of The Four Seasons.

"Nick doesn't say very much, but that's who he was," insists Lomenda. "I've only got 10 lines in the first act, but you just have to believe that the story will tell itself.

"You have to trust that even if you're not the focus of the scene, you're still very important to the overall saga. I never forget that I'm part of the group."

3 GRANT TILLY: Whether you see Grant Tilly in Jersey Boys depends strictly on what night you go.

He's what they call a "swing," which means he's not on stage normally unless someone in the regular cast doesn't show up. He's responsible for six roles: two of the four leads (Tommy and Bob), plus four ensemble spots with multiple characters.

"I've never been bored yet," he says. "It definitely keeps your mind active."

4 ELIZABETH BAIRD: The woman who keeps that non-stop torrent of feel-good music pouring out into the audience is a bouncy, energetic person who leads her group from two separate rooms in the basement of the theatre. Add to that the fact that a live drum kit is frequently onstage and you have a possible recipe for disaster.

But not with a musical director like Baird.

"That's the beauty of live theatre. I have to be in the moment and I can't take anything for granted, because things change in milliseconds."

5 ÉLODIE GILLETT: When you're watching Jersey Boys, it seems there are dozens of women in the cast — short, tall, young, old, brassy, innocent, naughty, nice — but when the curtain call finally comes, there are only three of them.

One of the three is Élodie Gillett, who pauses for breath, thinks for a second and then says, "I wear 10 wigs and 17 costumes in the show. Sometimes it's hard to keep track of who I am next ... My quickest change is 17 seconds and that's for wig, dress, shoes, earrings and necklace. Try it sometime!"

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Explore haunted grounds at Ex

Christina Stewart was working in the archives of the Canadian National Exhibition one afternoon when she noticed someone watching her.

The man, wearing a white shirt and black tie, waited until she turned and met his gaze before walking away. Stewart described him to her boss, who showed her a photo of a security guard who had died of a heart attack while working the night shift in the building in the 1970s. It was the same guy.

Stewart isn't the only one to believe in the ghostly night watchman.

Linda Cobon, manager of the CNE archives, says staff hear him making the rounds after hours, walking the hallways of the General Services Building on the Ex grounds, where the archives are housed.

One night, she says, she heard him shaking the doors, as if checking that they were locked.

He's just one of numerous spectres CNE staff have told Cobon they've witnessed over the years.

SARAH DEA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The CNE is hosting an After Dark exhibit to kick off its Haunted Walking Tour on Tuesday.

"Some people have seen them, some people have heard them," she says of workers in the building. "Some people see and hear nothing, but they still believe."

This year, she decided to share the tales with fairgoers, via an exhibit titled CNE After Dark. There will also be a guided walking tour of the grounds' haunted places.

The exhibit combines tales of spectral encounters with stories from the darker side of the history of the CNE and areas nearby.

For instance, when the cruise ship SS Noronic caught fire in Toronto harbour in September 1949, killing more than 100 people, the Horticulture Building was used as a morgue.

During the War of 1812, British and American troops clashed on the ground where the midway now stands; the combatants are believed to have buried their dead in the area.

The exhibit suggests this military history may be linked to one of the CNE's most vivid ghost sightings.

A security guard was drinking coffee in his car around 2 a.m. when he noticed a shadow pass through the headlights.

He followed it across the grounds, in the direction of the now-demolished grandstand. As he got closer, he saw two men in formal military uniforms.

The figures walked on, passing through the locked gates and onto the grandstand grounds, where they disappeared.

Scott Lytle also encountered some unexplained phenomena in the Exhibition Stadium building more than 10 years ago. Now the CNE's manager of rentals, he was patrolling the empty building as a security guard when he heard a loud banging noise inside a ventilation duct.

"It sounded like someone was inside with a hammer," he said.

Next, he heard the sound of a door slam and a woman laughing hysterically. The hairs on the back of his neck stood on end.

But Stewart isn't shaken by the ghosts.

"I say good morning and goodnight to them," she says. "If they start talking to me, then it might be scary." **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Want to go?

- CNE After Dark runs throughout the Exhibition in the Direct Energy Centre, east of Heritage Court. The next haunted walking tour takes place Tuesday, Sept. 1, from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., starting at the CNE After Dark display.

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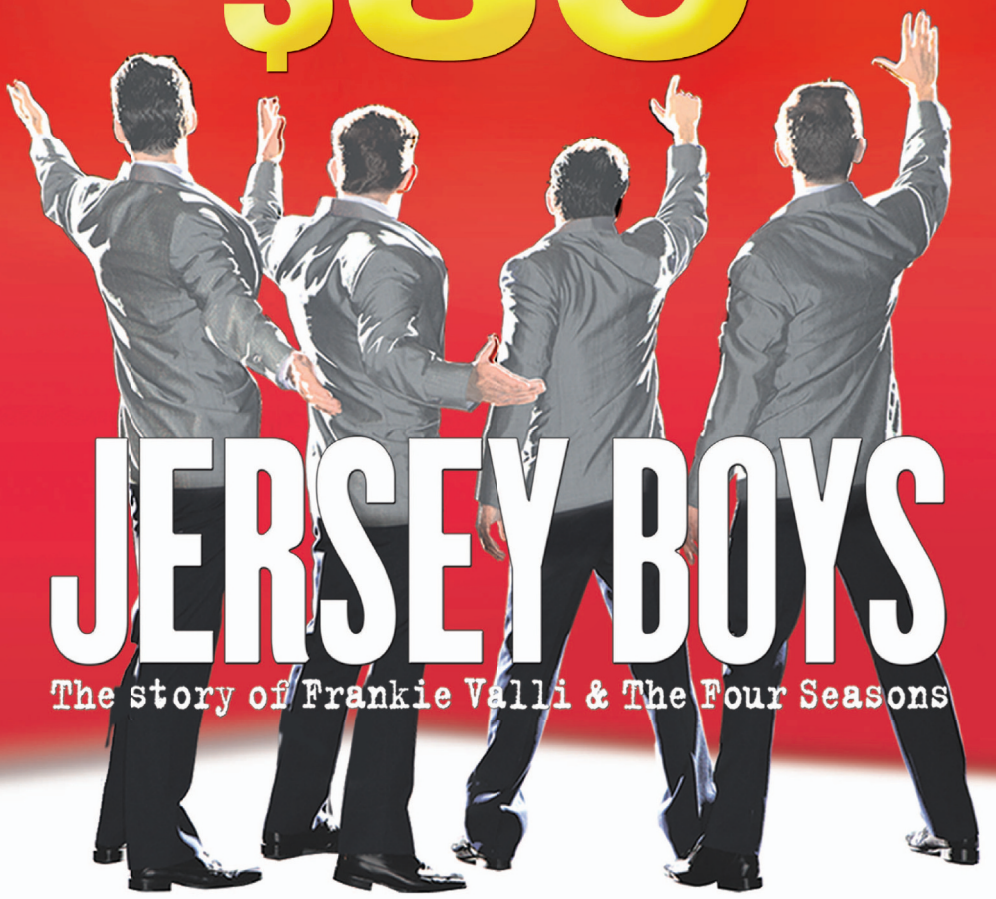

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Evan Rachel Wood's True Blood character 'goes both ways'

When Evan Rachel Wood makes her debut on True Blood Sunday, don't be surprised to see her character hook up. "She's not necessarily a lesbian," Wood tells eonline.com. "Her human partner is a girl, but I'm pretty sure she goes both ways." PEOPLE.COM

In brief

THEATRE Score one for Jeremy Piven. A professional arbiter has ruled Piven did not breach his contract with the Broadway producers of Speed-the-Plow when the actor abruptly left the revival of the David Mamet play last December. At the time, Piven's doctor said Piven was suffering from mercury poisoning after eating too much fish. Piven says in a statement that he's pleased with the outcome and says he's been vindicated. The producers, meanwhile, say they respect the decision, but strongly disagree with it.

REUTERS

Jackson's doctor says he won't intervene in kids' guardianship

DEATH A lawyer for Michael Jackson's former dermatologist says he now has no plans to petition a court for a role in the lives of the singer's three children.

Mark Vincent Kaplan says Dr. Arnold Klein is satisfied now that an attorney has been appointed to oversee the children's interests.

Kaplan surprised many during a court hearing earlier this month by saying Klein wanted to be involved in the children's lives. A judge ruled that Klein didn't have legal standing to intervene, but told the doctor he could file a motion later if he still had concerns.

Kaplan says the doctor wanted to be sure Jackson's children did not have a show-business upbringing and were afforded a formal education — things Jackson told Klein he wanted for his children.

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Pet Shop Boys' 10th album a return to form

Nearly three decades into their career, the synth-pop trailblazing Pet Shop Boys are finding renewed success with their 10th album, Yes.

GETTY IMAGES

Pet Shop Boys singer Neil Tennant performs in Spain on July 8.

And they aren't the least bit surprised. "Yes, I thought it would get a good response because I think it's a really, really strong pop album," singer Neil Tennant told The Canadian Press in a telephone interview.

"I think there were some people who sort of don't think you should be able to make a strong album when you've been around this long."

"In fact, when you listen to (Yes), I think it's got a lot of energy, a pop energy, but melodically I think the first half of the album sounds like a greatest hits album. It's just one amazing melodic pop song after another."

Yes debuted at No. 32 on the Billboard 200 — the British duo's highest chart position since 1993's Very bowed at No. 20 — and ebullient first single Love Etc. became the 10th track by the group to top Billboard's dance chart, a new record.

Yes features much of what fans have come to expect — meticulous arrangements, danceable, sing-along singles with a tugging melancholy just beneath the surface, and, of course, flashes of Tennant's sardonic wit.

For more on this year's Virgin Fest lineup, see page 42

On Saturday, the Pet Shop Boys launch an extensive North American tour with a show in Montreal. On Sunday they perform at the Virgin Festival in Toronto.

The tour boasts a stage set by British theatre designer Es Devlin, and Tennant says the show is divided into four sections, each representing a different era in the group's career.

"There is a kind of collage thing going on, where we've taken the rhythm track from one song and played a different song over it," Tennant explained. "There's a lot of medleys in (our performance)."

"It's a lot to remember, actually, when you're a singer. Sometimes I think: `God, what is it now?' You start to panic slightly. But no, we're getting into the flow of it now."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Actors gear up for Stratford

Tony-winners Christopher Plummer and Brent Carver set for 2010

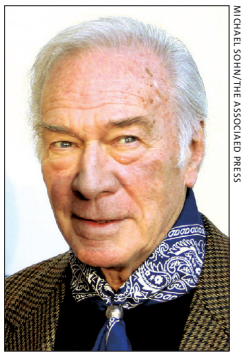
Tony-winning actor Christopher Plummer is to return to the Stratford Shakespeare Festival next year to play Prospero in The Tempest, one of four Shakespeare productions planned.

"Our audiences love Christopher Plummer for his great talent, humour and majestic command of the language," Antoni Cimolino, the festival's general director, said Wednesday in announcing the lineup.

"The character of Prospero represents the culmination of Shakespeare's skill as a dramatist in creating a role of great complexity, richness and paradox."

Stratford artistic director Des McAnuff will direct the production of The Tempest at the Festival Theatre.

Plummer portrayed Julius Caesar in the 2008 festival production of Bernard Shaw's Caesar and Cleopatra, which McAnuff also directed. This week, Plummer also received a Gemini nomination for his performance in the film version of that production.



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Actor Christopher Plummer will return to the Stratford Shakespeare Festival next year to perform in The Tempest.

Another Tony-award winner, Brent Carver, is to return to Stratford for his seventh season to play Jaques in As You Like It, also at the Festival Theatre. In 1993 he won a Tony award for his performance as Molina in Kiss of the Spider Woman, a role he also played in London and Toronto.

"Our audiences love Christopher Plummer for his great talent, humour and majestic command of the language."
Antoni Cimolino, Stratford Shakespeare Festival's general director

"When Brent and I met to discuss doing a project together, this is the title that instantly came up," McAnuff, who will direct the production, said of As You Like It.

"It is a great play for the times, as it concerns light coming out of the darkness."

For the final two Shakespeare productions at Stratford next year, Marti Maraden will return to direct The Winter's Tale, and The Two Gentlemen of Verona will be directed by Dean Gabourie, the festival's assistant artistic director.

A Shakespeare-inspired musical will once again be staged at the Festival Theatre. Next year it will be Kiss Me, Kate, the 1948 Cole Porter version of Shakespeare's Taming of the Shrew. It will be handled by award-winning director John Doyle, who won a Tony for his 2006 Broadway production of Sweeney Todd.

Other productions planned for next season include Dangerous Liaisons, Peter Pan, Evita, Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris, For the Pleasure of Seeing Her Again, King of Thieves, and Do Not Go Gentle.

Carver does double duty at Stratford next season, appearing in Jacques Brel as well as in As You Like It.

Meanwhile, the Stratford Shakespeare Festival's 2009 season continues until Nov. 8 with such plays as Macbeth, West Side Story, Cyrano de Bergerac and A Midsummer Night's Dream. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Fall TV lineup a mixed bag

Once upon a time, the fall TV rollout was as eagerly awaited as those shiny new Ford and Chevy models unveiled in dealer showrooms.

Julianna Margulies and Chris Noth star in The Good Wife.

But motorists know this is the season of Cash for Clunkers. Maybe viewers suspect that, in the new age of digital media, a fall TV season is terribly, um, analog.

Maybe network bosses dream of a simpler, more robust time before the PC became the new TV. In any case, they seem backward-looking this fall.

The CW is reviving Melrose Place, the frothy L.A. soap that first aired on Fox in the 1990s. The new version premieres Sept. 8.

There will also be spin-offs of current series.

CBS' undercover hit, NCIS, will spawn NCIS: Los Angeles, starring Chris O'Donnell and LL Cool J.

Fox's animated Cleveland Show follows longtime pal Cleveland Brown from the Family Guy fold as he exits Rhode Island to start a new life in Virginia.

Other new shows just feel like spinoffs.

ABC's The Forgotten is a drama about a team of dedicated amateurs who take up cases the police have abandoned. Think: Without a Trace mixed with Cold Case, plus a corpse.

NBC's Trauma blends action and medicine to tell the story of first-responder paramedics in San Francisco — a sort of al fresco ER. Also on NBC, Mercy is a hospital drama told from the nurses' point of view (think: Showtime's Nurse Jackie, plus a dash of TNT's Hawthorne). And CBS is prescribing yet more medicine with Three Rivers, which introduces to the genre yet another specialty: organ transplant.

The CW taps into the vampire craze with its high-school soap, The Vampire Diaries.

And ABC evokes the devilish hero of The Witches of Eastwick (adapted from the novel by John Updike and 1987 hit film) for its drama Eastwick.

The halls of justice haven't been vacated.

One of the most promising fall series is CBS' The Good Wife. It stars Julianna Margulies as a wife and mother forced to resume her career as an attorney when her politician hubby, played by Chris Noth, is jailed for corruption.

The fall's funniest pilot is Community, a sort of classroom version of companion NBC comedy The Office. Here, a variety of losers (played by Chevy Chase, John Oliver and Joel McHale) enrol at a second-rate community college for any number of reasons.

ABC's Modern Family taps variations on a domestic theme. Crisscrossing with one another, the three main households share the same comfortable upper-middle-class neighbourhood. But there the resemblance ends and the laughs begin.

On Fox, Brothers is a pleasant surprise. Sharp writing, a plausibly at-odds family dynamic and an excellent cast (especially CCH Pounder) score a touchdown for this project built around former football pro Michael Strahan.

Fox's Glee is a one-hour musical comedy set at a high school where the glee club struggles for respect and survival. This turns out to be a challenge on a campus where everybody else seems Looney Tunes.

ABC's FlashForward has a streak of looniness, too. The premise of this promising paranormal thriller: Everyone around the world simultaneously suffers a 2-minute-17-second blackout, then recovers with visions of what may await them in the future.

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Model finds bliss in curves

Memoir looks at woman's weight struggles

Crystal Renn was miserable as a super-thin model who had heart palpitations when she'd worry that there might be calories in Diet Coke.

Her moment of epiphany came when "I couldn't walk another step without being exhausted, or having hair clumps falling out." She knew she needed to live in the body she was supposed to have — specifically a curvy size 12.

In a new memoir Hungry, Renn, now a plus-size model, exposes her struggles with weight, health and self-esteem, fuelled by the industry she says she still loves.

That is, she loves it now that she has been accepted — even embraced — by the fashion world.

"I got to my lowest point, when I couldn't go lower, and it was either, 'I'm going to die and not accomplish the dream,' or, 'I can become a plus-size model and keep the dream,'"' she said in an interview. "I am healthy now, the healthiest I've ever been in my life — both physically and mentally."

Writing Hungry with Marjorie Ingall for Simon&Schuster was an important part of the healing process, said Renn, 23.

She had told her story before, but always in a quick hit for some magazine celebrating the novelty of an hourglass shape on its pages. The book is her attempt to move the needle on how people — everyone from wide-eyed young girls to jaded fashion insiders — perceive beauty.

"I'd like to see everyone take on the attitude that there are women of all different shapes and sizes as 'the beauty ideal,' and that it's not one type or another. There are women who are naturally a size 2 — you can't forget them, and that's discrimination the other way," Renn said. "All women bring something different to the table and we have to appreciate them all."

Some in the fashion, modelling and magazine industries have been receptive to the idea, she said, noting that she's still working with her fuller figure in Vogue, Glamour, on the runway with Jean Paul Gaultier and in ads for Dolce&Gabbana.

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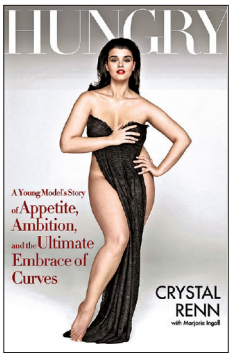

Hungry by Crystal Renn details her struggle with weight, health and self-esteem in the fashion world.

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Following in big footsteps

Dinosaur Trail lets visitors see life-sized prehistoric critters

The 5.5-metre-long Parasaurolophus is friendly and patient, allowing children to climb its back, sit on its tail and pat its bumpy, coral-coloured skin.

But walk along the tree-lined path and the evil nine-metre-long Albertosaurus lies in wait. The relative of Tyrannosaurus rex is ready to pounce — but will its next meal be the meat of the Edmontonia, with its head down as it tries to protect itself, or the young Styracosaurus across the path that seems to have wandered away from its herd?

The four are part of the recently completed dinosaur trail at the North Carolina Museum of Life and Science in Durham, N.C. The trail includes nine types of dinosaurs from the Late Cretaceous period, the last period before dinosaurs became extinct, 100 million to 65 million years ago.

It's also a period when dinosaurs roamed North Carolina, although none of those stalking the museum grounds lived here.

The first dinosaur, the plant-eating Parasaurolophus, was the favourite of five-year-old Hannah Myers of Raleigh, N.C., who visited the trail on a week day in August with her two older siblings and her grandmother.

An Alamosaurus towers over the Dinosaur Trail at the North Carolina Museum of Life and Science in Durham, N.C.

"That's a nice dinosaur," she said as she played in the fossil pit at the end of the trail. "He's friendly to little people."

Whether the real Parasaurolophus was friendly or not — and the best we can say is that he wasn't a predator — the museum did purposely start with a welcoming dinosaur, one that sits in a grove with a sign that says Touch this Dinosaur, said Roy Griffiths, vice-president for exhibits and planning. The rest of the dinosaurs sit back from the trail, situated among plants and rocks, and are for viewing only.

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Brandon Yocum, 10, of Roxboro, N.C., digs for fossils on the Dinosaur Trail at the North Carolina Museum of Life and Science.

"The idea was to give an immediate experience that satisfies the need to get close and interact with the model," Griffiths said.

"There's something about getting it out of your system that lets you move on to a deeper experience. That feeling of 'I want to get close' gets in the way later on, so we take care of that up front," he said.

The trail, which replaces the original trail that Hurricane Fran destroyed in 1996, is popular: In the first two weeks since it opened July 25, almost 35,000 people have visited the museum, compared with an average 13,100 visitors every two weeks in 2008. It cost $1.5 million US to build, a combination of bond money and private donations.

After the interplay among the Albertosaurus and its two possible victims, visitors look up to see the 20-metre-long Alamosaurus, whose neck and head are visible through the trees. At its feet, the two-metre-long Leptoceratops play, trying to avoid being stomped on by the larger feet of the Alamosaurus.

Studio Y Creations in Calgary built the full-sized sculptures, based on small models created by a dinosaur studio in Philadelphia.

At least as popular as the dinosaurs is what waits at the end of the trail: a fossil pit where foragers can find shark teeth, coral, shells and fish vertebrae from 23 million to 5 million years ago. The soil, taken from a mine, isn't as old as dinosaurs, whose fossils are more than 65 million years old.

Still, the pit invites children to get dirty as they shovel and sift for fossils. Five-year-old Collin Dock of Hillsborough, N.C , uncovered so many shark teeth that he shared with two new friends. Collin, the remains of grey, sandy soil evident on his face and legs, gleefully showed off his haul, stored in an eyeglasses case, as he skipped down the path, headed to a lemur exhibit elsewhere.

Why does he like dinosaurs? "They're from a long time ago," he said. "And we didn't get to see them." But, he added, he doesn't want to meet one now. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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An aerial view of Niagara Falls. A new exhibit features barrels used by folks who've gone over.

Barrelling over the falls

Twenty-five years after stuntman Karel Soucek survived his trip over Niagara Falls in a barrel, a new exhibit highlights the daredevils who have been drawn to the site.

Soucek, from Hamilton, suffered only minor injuries in his plunge on July 2, 1984. He died, however, about six months later after a barrel-drop stunt at the Houston Astrodome.

The exhibit, which opened last month in the lobby of the Imax theatre in Niagara Falls, Ont., features Soucek's red barrel and seven others used by daredevils ranging from Annie Taylor (a school teacher who went over in 1901) to Steve Trotter (a bartender who did it twice, the last time in 1995).

The barrels are "authentic, banged and bashed up," says a release. Visitors can touch them and peer inside. The exhibit also tells the stories of daredevils through archival images, newspaper and video accounts. The theatre is showing the movie Legends and Daredevils to complement the exhibit.

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Historical mansion to offer new tours

OSHAWA, ONT. The Parkwood National Historic Site, former home of auto baron R. Samuel McLaughlin, will offer tours this fall highlighting the life of servants at the 55-room mansion. The tours will explain the duties of staff who kept the property running like clockwork, Parkwood says on its site, parkwood estate.com. Much of the information about servants' roles was gathered by collecting oral histories.

Built in 1915-1917 and considered one of Canada's finest grand estates, Parkwood is filled with valuable furniture and decorative arts. It was the family home of the McLaughlins from 1917 until 1972. McLaughlin was the founder of General Motors of Canada.

The tours will be offered Sept. 17, Oct. 15 and Nov. 17 at $20 per person. Reservations are required, and can be made by calling 905-433-4311. Parkwood, which has completed a $2-million landscape conservation program, is also offering free self-guided garden tours this summer.

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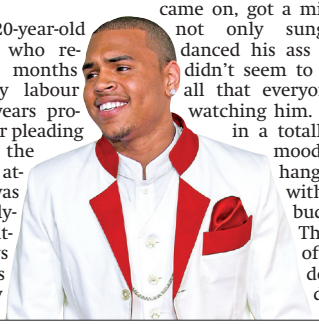
Kelly reveals teen drug addiction
Kelly Osbourne became addicted to Vicodin when she was 17, taking up to 50 tablets a day, she revealed in her new book Fierce. She says she took them to cope with the new-found fame during filming of MTV's The Osbournes. **POPEATER.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Chris 'thrills' nightclubbers

IMPROMPTU Chris Brown reportedly amazed onlookers on the dance floor with a Michael Jackson rendition, hours after he was sentenced for assaulting Rihanna, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 20-year-old singer — who received six months community labour and five years probation after pleading guilty to the February attack — was at Hollywood nightclub Guys and Dolls on Tuesday evening, where he allegedly gave an energetic rendition of Michael's hit Dirty Diana.



An onlooker said: "He stood up on the back of the booth when the song came on, got a mike and not only sung, but danced his ass off. He didn't seem to care at all that everyone was watching him. He was in a totally good mood, just hanging out with his buddies. Then all of a sudden he decided to put on a little show."

For his 1,400 hours community labour, Brown will have to remove graffiti and wash cars. He was also ordered to go to domestic violence classes for a year and is not allowed to contact Rihanna for five years. Brown has to pay fines and will have to undergo random searches and seizures.

Meanwhile, Brown has reportedly recorded a no-holds-barred interview with talk show host Larry King, in which he is quizzed about the assault. The interview is set to air next week.

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Gerard accused of striking dog

CRAZY DOG OWNERS Gerard Butler has been accused of assaulting a dog, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Retired banker Fred Varecka claims the star lashed out at his greyhound Mayfly on a street in Queens, N.Y., on Monday afternoon.

Varecka was walking two dogs when Butler's unleashed pug dog ran over to them. He says Butler quickly followed, striking one of Varecka's larger dogs for no reason.

Varecka said: "My dog crashed into a fence before yelping in pain. I asked him, 'What did you hit my dog for?' But he just kept ranting and raving that our dog should be put down — it was unbelievable because the dogs never came into contact at any time."

But a friend of the actor's claim the greyhounds attacked his pooch, forcing him to physically defend his pet.

The source said: "Gerry had to physically get in the middle of the two of them to protect the little dog. As far as I know, they are exaggerating. Gerry is an animal lover and simply separated the dogs.

"He would never hurt another animal."

Butler's representative backed up this version of events, saying: "A larger greyhound repeatedly attacked Gerard's small pug, so he separated them to protect both dogs."

Varecka has filed a harassment complaint with the New York Police Department, claiming Butler "cursed him out."

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Celebrity tweets

Demi Lovato looks for a truly devoted follower, LL Cool J dishes out life advice, Spencer Pratt tries for some uncharacteristic depth, and Tyra Banks decides to use unrequited love to her advantage.

- @ddlovato I want to tattoo a fan one day... Any takers?
- @llcoolj Even if you are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there.
- @spencerpratt I always need to remember you cannot serve God and money
- @tyrabanks thought about what to do about BOW WOW's crush n decided 2 have him on my talk show on September 7th. what u think he's gonna do or say?

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METRO WORLD NEWS

GaGa no Neil Young: Tori

FIGHTING WORDS Tori Amos is looking to start a celebrity feud with Lady GaGa, femalefirst.co.uk alleges.

In an interview with Britain's The Sun, she reportedly suggested that the colourful pop star won't be around for long.

"She's what I call a meteor — singers who entertain people for a while. Hey, there's nothing wrong with that. But then there are people like Neil Young who show up at Glastonbury 40 years into their career. And that's a very different kind of artist," Amos said.

"The question is, will Lady GaGa be playing alongside Neil Young at Glastonbury in 20 years' time?"

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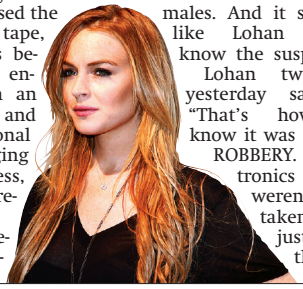
Lindsay knows her burglars?

SUSPICION New evidence has surfaced in the Lindsay Lohan burglary case. Police have released the surveillance tape, and detectives believe the trio entered through an unlocked door and took personal items belonging to the actress, popeater.com reports.



LAPD describe the suspects as being between the ages of 18-25 — one white male and two white females. And it seems like Lohan may know the suspects.

Lohan tweeted yesterday saying, "That's how i know it was not a ROBBERY. electronics weren't taken ... just things that a certain old friend knew meant a lot to me."

According to TMZ, police are looking at the possibility that the burglars who hit Lohan are the same people who broke into Audrina Patridge's Los Angeles pad earlier this year.

A law enforcement officer said Lohan was shown a picture of the man who broke into her place and said he "looked familiar."

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Anne's no fan of her ex-husband

UGLY DIVORCE What does Anne Heche think of her ex-husband, Coley Laffoon?

"Can you say 'lazy ass' on TV?" the actress, 40, said on Wednesday's Late Show With David Letterman. Heche and Laffoon — who have a seven-year-old son, Homer — divorced in 2007 after five years of marriage, usmagazine.com reports.

Last June, she agreed pay him a $275,000 US lump sum and $3,700 per month in child support for their son.

Asked by Letterman what Laffoon does for a living, she sniped: "He goes out to the mailbox and he opens up the little mailbox door and goes, 'Oh! I got a check from Anne! Oh! I got a check from Anne! Yay!'"

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Avril and Deryck divorcing?

SHORT-LIVED Looks like Avril Lavigne and Deryck Whibley may be in trouble. The Canadian musicians, who married in 2006, are allegedly headed for a divorce, sources tell Gatecrasher.

Lavigne was spotted in the Hamptons recently without Whibley.

"She wanted to get away from Deryck and have a weekend to herself," a source said. She reportedly spent the weekend partying with male admirers. Lavigne and Whibley haven't been photographed together since December.

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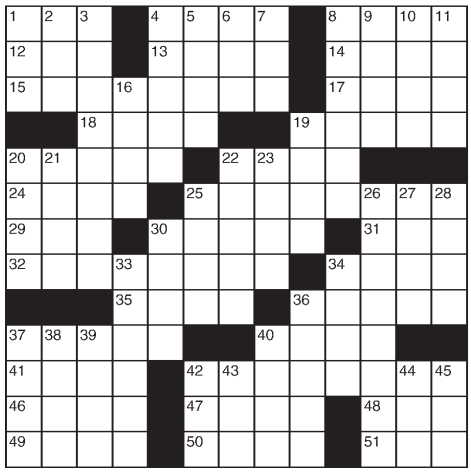

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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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Surf 'n' Turf Tenderloin

INGREDIENTS:

1 tbsp (15 ml) finely chopped onion
1 garlic clove, minced
2 tbsp (25 ml) olive oil, divided
2 tbsp (25 ml) butter, divided
1/4 cup (50 ml) beef broth
16 uncooked medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
1 tbsp (15 ml) minced fresh parsley
4 beef tenderloin steaks

METHOD:

1. In small skillet, sauté onion and garlic in 1 tbsp (15 ml) oil and 1 tbsp (15 ml) butter until tender. Add broth; cook and stir 1 minute. Add shrimp; cook and stir until shrimp turn pink, 3-5 minutes. Add parsley.
2. Meanwhile, make horizontal cut three-fourths of way through each steak. Place three shrimp in each pocket. Cover remaining shrimp and sauce for garnish; set aside and keep warm.
3. In large skillet, heat remaining oil and butter over medium-high heat. Add steaks; cook until meat reaches desired doneness (10-13 minutes for medium), turning once. Top with remaining shrimp and sauce.

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You'll be in love with anyone and everyone — well, almost. But don't let people seeking to take advantage of your generous nature succeed.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
If there is something that needs to be said at home or at work, speak up. You'll get your message across without starting an unnecessary feud.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
There's no point trying to force yourself to work. Give yourself the day off and have a long, enjoyable weekend. You'll return to work raring to go next week.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You may be tempted to accept less than you are entitled to in a professional or financial capacity, but hold out and the other side will give in.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You will be at peace with the world — or at least your personal domain. Life is good and getting better by the minute, and so it should.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You'll get encouraging news about your financial situation and that will take away worries lurking at the back of your brain. Have a fun weekend too.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You have always been generous and today you won't be able to say no to anyone who needs assistance. But make sure you get a little something in return.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
If you're smart you'll tell someone something they need to hear in a way that doesn't damage their already fragile ego. Honesty does not have to hurt.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You'll get the chance today to escape the daily grind. Enjoying the company of people who share your social and spiritual values will revitalize you.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Remind yourself what a truly privileged individual you are. You've got problems but you've also got more than most people get in a lifetime. Appreciate it.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Someone you are close to could do with a kind word or a cuddle today and you won't need to be asked twice. Who says Aquarius doesn't do emotion?

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